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FREE COINAGE BILL.

Such a Measure May Be Passed by Congress.

SILVER FORCES TO CONSOLIDATE

The Election Bill to Be Laid Aside for More Important Legislation—Proceedings of the House and Senate—Other Washington News.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—It is expected that the action of the senate finance committee in substituting the provision for two hundred million two per cent. bonds to take the place of the fourth section of the caucus financial bill, which provides for the purchase of silver to replace bank notes retired, will consolidate the silver forces, and it is liable to result in the adoption of a free coinage bill. For the past two days the silver Republicans have been divided, some mistrusting and some having confidence in their eastern anti-silver associates.

Senator Stewart, speaking of the matter, says that the bill as amended is designed merely to rehabilitate the National banks and that the silver men had no interest in it. The purchase of the surplus silver held by a pool was not a matter that the advocates of free coinage were interested in.

All the Republican silver men are in an independent frame of mind, and the indications are that there will be a combination between them and the Democrats who agree with them. The matter again seems to be at a crisis. The conciliatory disposition on both sides is no longer apparent. The silver men have decided to effect a combination and expect to agree upon a free coinage bill, with which they will displace the election bill, next week.

The issue seems to have been made by the necessity for the leaders to yield or else to follow their own inclinations and let the fight come. On both sides of the financial question the time for temporizing is regarded as about at an end.

Letter From the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The president sent to the senate yesterday a letter recommending legislation relative to the criminal code for Oklahoma. The president says that the territorial legislature of Oklahoma now in session will adjourn by limitation of law to-day, the 24th inst. The act organizing the territory provided that certain chapters of the revised statutes of Nebraska should be in force until after the adjournment of the first session of the territorial legislature.

The question of the location of the territorial capital, he says, has so occupied the time of the legislature and so distracted and divided its members that no criminal code has been provided. It is urgently necessary, says the president, that congress should at once by joint resolution or otherwise continue the laws of Nebraska in force and save pending criminal arrests and prosecutions at least.

The reconvening of the legislature, he says in conclusion, does not, under existing circumstances, promise any relief.

House and Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The house yesterday after listening to the reading of the journal and approving it, and hearing the speaker's announcement of assignment of several members to committees, adjourned until Friday.

In the senate Mr. Morgan, during the morning hour, spoke in support of his resolution directing the committee on privileges and elections to amend the elections bill so as to show what changes and modifications in existing law are intended to be made. The elections bill was then taken up and Senators Call and McPherson spoke in opposition to the bill. Mr. Aldrich presented his cloture resolution later in the afternoon, with the request that it lie on the table and be printed.

A Cloture Rule Agreed On.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The senate committee on rules has come to an agreement on a cloture rule, and it will probably be reported to the senate, although it may not be called for consideration until after the holidays, when a quorum of Republican senators is expected to be present.

JUSTICE BROWN.

Michigan Gets the Appointment to the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The president sent to the senate the following nominations: Henry B. Brown, of Michigan, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, vice Samuel F. Miller, deceased.

Col. Charles Sutherland, surgeon, to be surgeon general, with the rank of brigadier general, vice J. H. Baxter, deceased.

Maj. Lewis Merrill, U. S. A., retired, to be lieutenant colonel of cavalry, under authority of act of congress approved Sept. 27, 1890.

Judge Henry B. Brown was born at Lee, Mass., March 2, 1836. He graduated from Yale university in 1856, having for his classmates Chauncey M. Depew, Judge David J. Brewer, and others who have since obtained National reputation.

At the close of his college course he spent a year in Europe studying languages and traveling. On his return he began his law studies at Hartford, Conn., and received his degrees from the Hartford law department. In 1859 he came to Detroit.

April, 1861, he was appointed deputy United States marshal and assistant district attorney. His connection with the latter office continued until 1868, when he was appointed judge of the Wayne county circuit court to fill a vacancy. In March, 1875, he was appointed by President Grant judge for the eastern district of Michigan. Politically Judge Brown has always been a Republican.

Lively Kentucky Row.

MOUNT VERNON, Ky., Dec. 24.—At Brush Creek, nine miles east of this place, on Friday evening, five persons were wounded in a general row. Jack Baker received a ball in the left breast, ranging upward and lodging under the shoulder blade. Andy Mason had his wrist shattered from a ball; a son of Mason's in the row plowed across his head just over the left ear; John Anglin received a similar wound, and Anglin's wife was shot in the back. How the fight came up no one here has been able to learn. All the parties are related by marriage to each other.

THE COLORED MESSIAH CRAZE.

What Was at First a Joke in Kansas City Takes a More Serious Turn.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—What was at first a source of amusement to Chief of Police Speers has become a matter of serious consideration. Early last week a number of colored men called upon the chief to ask permission to hold "ghost dances," saying that they had a Messiah that would lead them to a promised land. The chief granted their request and considered the matter a huge joke.

The craze has, however, assumed the proportion of something more than a joke and is rapidly spreading among the more ignorant classes of colored people throughout the city. Some ten or fifteen days ago a tall, gaunt black man made his appearance in what is known as "Hell's Half Acre," in the packing-house district, and announced himself as the Messiah sent to save the colored race. This was Reuben Carter. He came here from Pomeroy, Kan., where he has long been known as "Cranky Rube." He went among the negroes and gradually drew converts to his ideas, and at last accumulated quite a following among the negroes in the west bottoms.

Carter preaches the destruction of the whole white race, and says the calamity is to occur next spring. He warns the blacks to follow him if they would escape the general destruction. He tells them that all who follow the whites will suffer their fate, but those who go with him will be taken to the "Promised Land" and placed in power, and the wealth of the world will be theirs. His story is a sort of revised edition of the Indian craze, and he has evidently been reading of what is going on among the red race.

He claims that "the Promised Land" is in Oklahoma, and says he will lead all the believers there in the spring and they will then see that he possesses miraculous power. He promises that cities will rise in a night for those who will follow him, and that these cities will be built by the angels of God, who will be sent to serve him. He enters into a minute description and it tallies exactly with the city which the Book of Revelations tells of. He says the city will be called the New Jerusalem and will be built of gold and precious stones.

The permission granted by the chief of police has been fully taken advantage of, and the colored people in the district mentioned have been holding nightly revels, which they call religious dances, but which are now beginning to assume the appearance of idolatrous orgies. As the dancing continues the negroes appear to go back to their ancient savagery, and their movements now resemble the incantations of the voodoo dancers of the south. Men and women join in the craze, and the dance becomes wilder and wilder every night, until the chief is seriously considering the revoking of the permits thus stopping the dances.

Carter has disappeared, and his followers say that he is in retirement until New Years Day, when, they say, he will appear in all his glory and show his wonderful power by signs and miracles. The dancing, which has heretofore been public to anyone who desired to witness it, is now done in secret, and admission is refused to all who do not believe in the new Messiah. There is no doubt that the man has gained great control over the people of his race, and unless some measures are taken there will be trouble with the converts.

A LIVELY BOARDING-HOUSE.

Seven Mysterious Fires Extinguished in One Day.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 24.—There is a superstitious reign of terror in the neighborhood of Jane McGowen's boarding-house on Southern avenue, where most mysterious outbreaks of fire continue. Seven fires were extinguished in the house Monday. The police force and fire department have failed to solve the mystery, and now J. D. Lisle, an eminent analytic chemist, has been engaged by insurance companies to analyze clothing, etc., which has caught fire.

Several beds in the house caught fire from no cause which could be ascertained. A trunk of clothing to a deceased daughter of Mrs. McGowen's, and which has not been unpacked since her death, caught fire this morning. This is claimed by superstitious people as evidence of supernatural agency. The boarders have moved their trunks out of the house. It is supposed that some fire fiend has saturated everything in the house with combustible chemicals.

Lottery Fight Begun.

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 24.—The lottery fight opened yesterday before Judge George W. Buckner, with arguments for a writ of mandamus against Secretary of State Mason to compel him to promulgate the act passed by the senate at its last session, granting a lottery charter to John A. Morris and others for twenty-five years at an annual payment of $1,250,000. Whichever way the decision goes, it will be appealed to the supreme court which meets in February next.

PARNELL DEFEATED.

Result of the Elections in Ireland.

HENNESSY SURELY ELECTED.

His Majority Will Be Nearly Twelve Hundred—A Big Strike in Glasgow. Various Other Foreign News.

KILKENNY, Dec. 24.—The official result of the election Monday to fill the vacancy in the house of commons shows that Hennessy the nominee of the anti-Parnellites, is elected.

The result of the election was as follows. Hennessy, 2,502. Scully, 1,356; majority for Hennessy, 1,146.

In view of the almost vital importance to both sides of the exciting political contest just decided, it is claimed that both parties deserve great credit for the fact that no collision took place between their followers and that the last days of the campaign at least were conspicuous for the almost entire absence of the personal abuse which has recently been exchanged by broadsides between the followers and the opponents of Mr. Parnell.

Parnell Must Be Stopped.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the National committee yesterday, the chairman, Mr. W. M. Murphy, of St. Patrick's, said that Mr. Parnell had disregarded Ireland's voice, and must be stopped in his mad career. The committee will start a new daily newspaper with Mr. O'Brien as editor.

The Pope Congratulated.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The pope yesterday received the congratulations of the cardinals upon the fifty-third anniversary of his first mass. His holiness looked well. In his address to the visitors he deplored the war of sects against the church and reaffirmed the rights of the papacy.

True, But Not Alarming.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 24.—The rumor to the effect that a plot to overthrow the government existed, and that several persons had been arrested for complicity in the conspiracy, has been confirmed. The plot, however, is not an important one, and the public is not excited.

Labor Troubles.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Twelve hundred railway workmen at Hull will strike to-morrow for increased wages and shorter hours.

The cotton masters of Lancashire have granted a 5 per cent. increase in the wages of their employes.

Died in Prison.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—McCabe, who was convicted in 1883 of blowing up the Glasgow gas works with dynamite, has just died in prison at Perth. He has been insane for the past two years. His friends allege that he was driven crazy by cruel treatment.

The Queen Does Not Object.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Dix-Neuvieme Siecle states that Queen Victoria has assured the pope, through Cardinal Manning, that there will be no objection from England to the canonization of the French National heroine, Joan of Arc.

Duel Averted.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The threatened duel between MM. Brousse and Dumay has been averted, M. Brousse having tendered an apology to M. Dumay for the blow which he struck him during an altercation yesterday.

Collision of Ships.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Hamburg ship Libussa collided with the British ship Talookdar, from Calcutta for London. The captain and twenty-two of the crew and ten passengers of the Talookdar were lost.

Trains Run Together.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A railway collision occurred near Wimborne on the Southwestern railway yesterday, by which one woman was killed and several persons injured.

THE KILKENNY ELECTION.

The New York Envoys Issue a Manifesto to the People.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Messrs. John Dillon and Thomas P. O'Connor, the two remaining Irish envoys on this side of the Atlantic, issued the following statement last night in reference to the Kilkenny election: "We learned the result of the Kilkenny election with great pleasure. The majority is greater than we hoped for. It is a vindication of the patriotism and sagacity of the constituency, because it shows that consideration of the good of the country and the safety of the cause have prevailed with the electors over natural feelings of gratitude and affection for a great leader like Mr. Parnell, which have blinded so many to the true issue at stake.

"The result in Kilkenny in our judgment offers a chance of reuniting our party, and we earnestly hope that both sides will now co-operate with Mr. O'Brien in bringing about a reunion of the Irish National party."

In the southern part of Vernon county, Mo., hundreds of horses are dying with a disease similar to cholic.

Weather Indications.

Fair weather, northwesterly winds, colder, with a cold wave.

Sold His Mine.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—Mr. George T. Batchelder has received a cablegram from the London parties who are negotiating for the Emmons mining property, that they leave with their expert for America on Saturday. As will be remembered the Emmons mine was sold last summer for $17,000,000, but delays in closing up the sale resulted on account of the panicky condition of the English money markets.

WONDERFUL CURES OF LUPUS.

Abstract of Dr. Lindsey's Paper Before the Medical Society of New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—At the regular meeting of the medical society of the county of New York Monday night, Dr. John Lindsey read a paper treating of Professor Koch's lymph, in which occurred the following:

"I made a visit to Berlin under the auspices of the New York hospital for the purpose of watching and testing the curative power of Dr. Koch's lymph, and also to procure some of the fluid for use in the hospital. On my arrival in Berlin I went to the renowned professor's clinic, which was then in charge of Professor Gerhardt, in the absence of Dr. Koch. Professor Gerhardt was and is still engaged in experimenting. Every patient has to undergo a rigid medical examination before he is treated at all. Then if this is satisfactory there is 1-65 of a grain of lymph injected into him. The rise in temperature is the first symptom, and it reaches from 100 to 105 degrees.

"The injections are made in the morning, that the symptoms may be watched by daylight. Patients are examined every two hours and almost incessantly watched. Up to the time of my leaving Berlin Professor Gerhardt had not discharged a case as cured of pulmonary phthisis. The American doctors in Berlin are astounded at the wonderful cures of lupus. Cases of ten years' standing show a decided change for the better the day following inoculation."

Dr. Frederick Warner, who arrived from Berlin Monday, was present at the meeting. He said Dr. Liebertz had shown great discourtesy to Americans, and he had yet to see one who had been treated even politely by him. Dr. Warner was assured that inside of two weeks there would be enough lymph sent here for the use of all the largest hospitals.

END OF THE INDIAN TROUBLE.

A Number of Sitting Bull Fugitives Come Into the Reservation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Maj. Gen. Schofield has received the following telegram from Gen. Ruger, dated St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22:

"Big Foot with his following, including some of the Sitting Bull fugitives and those disaffected Indians from Cherry creek district and the Cheyenne river reservation, who joined Big Foot with them, surrendered yesterday to Col. Sumner. The rest of Sitting Bull's people who came to Cherry creek, with the exception of a few who may have sought shelter at Pine Ridge, are on their way under conduct to Fort Bennett for surrender.

"The Big Foot people will be sent to Fort Meade; those surrendering at Bennett probably to Sully. The surrender and disarmament of these two factions practically ends the probability of any serious trouble with the Indians of Cheyenne river and Standing Rock reservations, and is a good step toward ending the whole trouble."

HORRIBLE DEATH.

A Man Thrown in Front of an Engine by a Runaway Team.

BUCYRUS, O., Dec. 24.—A horrible accident occurred at noon yesterday, at the Middletown street crossing of the Toledo and Ohio Central road, by which Fritz Russman, a farm laborer, aged about 65, lost his life. Russman was returning from delivering a load of hogs at the company's stock yards, and was driving quite a spirited team of horses.

When about to cross the track the team became frightened, turning suddenly square around, in doing this a wheel was torn off by a switch target and Russman was thrown out directly in front of a switch engine that was rapidly approaching. The engineer reversed immediately, but the speed was too great and the distance too short. Russman's head was cut off and he was otherwise horribly mangled. The unfortunate man was a quiet German, and has no relatives in this state.

Important Pension Decision.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary Bussey has rendered a decision holding that the names of George J. Bond and James Edgar Engle, who were dropped from the pension rolls because they were indebted to the United States on account of improper payment of arrearages in June, 1889, was an error. The pensioners were employes in the pension office and their pensions were rerated with back pay to $45 per month by Commissioner Tanner under his interpretation of the law that for amputation of an arm at the shoulder joint a pensioner was entitled to the same rate as if the amputation was at the hip joint.

In March, 1890, Commissioner Tanner's ruling was revoked leaving the pensioners in debt to the government. Assistant Secretary Bussey, in a letter to Commissioner Raum, holds that the action of his bureau in suspending the names from the pension rolls was an error, and directs that they be immediately restored to the rolls, receiving their pensions from the date of the revocation of the order. He says "they are to be treated as though there has not been, nor is there due from them, any sum for reimbursement of the government on account of over payment of pension money. This proceeding, however delayed, is essential at once to the correction of a departmental error, and to the cause of justice to the pensioners concerned."

Business Buildings Burned.

ALEXANDRIA, Mo., Dec. 24.—Fire last night destroyed a block of buildings in the central portion of this village. The fire originated in the warehouse of the St. Louis, St. Paul and Minneapolis Packet company, and at one time it was feared the whole town would be destroyed. The Keokuk fire department was summoned, but when they arrived the fire was under control. The loss is estimated at $25,000; insurance small.

OHIO STATE NEWS.

Items Gathered Especially For Buckeye Readers.

STATE BOARD OF PARDONS.

Report of Their Actions While in Meeting at Columbus. Cases of Prisoners Acted On—Interference of Governor Campbell with the Fate of Several Prisoners.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24.—The annual report of the state board of pardons for the year ending Nov. 15, 1890, was filed with the governor yesterday. Since the last annual report Henry Kahlo, of Toledo; Nathan Drucker, of Cincinnati, and Lorenzo D. Hagerty, have resigned, and their places were filled by the appointment of John W. Baughman, of Wooster; C. C. Cook, of Cincinnati, and John R. Malloy, of Columbus.

During the year 117 applications for pardons or commutations of sentence were presented to the board. Of the cases considered twenty-six were recommended for pardon and five for commutation of sentence, while eighteen applications were rejected.

The report then deals with the difficulties in getting at the facts in the cases presented, and makes thrusts at the promiscuous manner in which the names of prominent men are attached to petitions for pardons. The report says that the worst type of criminals are readily endorsed, while the jurors often admit that the facts did not justify their verdicts.

Almost Escaped.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24.—Patrick Mitchell, serving a two years' sentence from Mahoning county for pocket picking, made his escape from the penitentiary about noon yesterday. He secured a ladder and placed it against the wall near the female department. He passed within fifty feet of where Guard McDevitt was eating his dinner. After reaching the ground he walked toward the stables, breaking sticks as he went as if that was part of his daily occupation. When near the stable he encountered Jack McCabe, who is serving an eighteen years' sentence from Franklin county for shooting a newspaper correspondent, and was brought back.

A Youth Murdered.

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 24.—John Brennan, the 17-year-old son of Police Officer James Brennan, a telegraph operator for the Standard Oil company, was murdered yesterday at Bays, an oil station on the Dayton and Michigan railroad. The young man had $400 on his person, and late Monday night he was seen in company with two strangers around North Baltimore. The half-burned body of young Brennan was brought to Findlay. The men with whom he slept have been arrested and lodged in the Wood county jail. It is supposed young Brennan was murdered for his money and then the house set on fire to hide the crime.

Struck by a Tornado.

AKRON, O., Dec. 24.—A tornado struck the new syndicate town of Barberton, five miles south of Akron Tuesday afternoon. The new shoe shop and Creedmoor Cartridge company's building were demolished. Seven carpenters were hurled from the building. John Triplet of Newportage, aged 29, was instantly killed, and Frank Stetner and Louis Kannalle, both of Akron, badly injured. Isaac Lower and Horatio Lieb, of Newportage, Frank Mallory, of Lafayette, and I. F. Homer, were also injured.

Rev. Doctor Black Dead.

WOOSTER, O., Dec. 24.—Rev. James Black, D.D., LL.D., aged 65 years, professor of Greek language and literature, and professor of English in the university of Wooster, died at 1 a. m. of a complication of diseases. Dr. Black is well known throughout American Presbyterianism as a scholar and educator. He was a classmate of James G. Blaine at Washington and Jefferson college, Pennsylvania.

Desperate Deed of Burglars.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 24.—John Brennan, station agent at Bay station, on the Toledo, Findlay and Springfield railroad was murdered and robbed last night, and his body was then thrown into the depot which was set on fire. How much money was secured by the miscreants or who they were are matters upon which no light has as yet been thrown.

Walbridge, O., On Fire.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 24.—A disastrous fire is raging in Walbridge, a station on the Pennsylvania road six miles south of Toledo. A stave mill and six dwelling houses are in flames.

Probably a Suicide.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24.—George Weratz, a well known Columbus tailor, died from the effect of a poisonous drug after a protracted spree. It is supposed he suicided.

Death of an Ex-Senator.

POMEROY, O., Dec. 24.—Hon. Horace S. Horton, ex-senator, and organizer of the Pomeroy National bank, died last night.

Escape of a Prisoner.

C[illegible], O., Dec. 24.—Edward Klatz, charged with [illegible] and forgery, escaped from the [illegible] jail last night.

Killed by a Falling Tree.

S[illegible], O., Dec. 24.—Frank Lamb, of W[illegible], was killed while [illegible] the Valley [illegible] that he was [illegible] falling on him.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

NEW DAMASCUS.

Intended Colonization of New York Armenians.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—It is estimated that there are now in this country about 18,000 Armenians. They are mostly engaged in trade. The headquarters are in New York city, and a few hundred men control the whole under a sort of patriarchal system of government which they all recognize with that traditional respect for authority which is peculiar to men of the east.

Some of the leaders have grown very rich by the importation of eastern goods which are sold by their peddlers throughout the country. Others have, with Yankee shrewdness, got into the manufacture of imitative eastern goods, which are peddled by real Arabs, whose personal appearance serves to give purchasers confidence in the genuineness of the articles sold.

There are among the capitalists some who bear to their dependents about the same relation that the padrones do to the Italians. The natives who come here very poor have money advanced to them for passage, and when they get here they are supported for awhile and trusted with goods to sell until they are able to accumulate a little capital.

Numbers of the Syrians and Arabs have settled in New York city in the lower wards. They are frugal and industrious and look forward to the time when they may join the select class of leaders who employ the others. They settle their difficulties among themselves, and are averse to appealing to the courts. The decision of their accepted leader is considered binding and final.

Recently a project has been started among them to found a new Damascus here. A syndicate of Armenian capitalists has been formed with a view to the purchase of several thousand acres of land in some favorable locality near the coast, where the settlers may find a climate suitable for silk culture, fruit growing and farming, and where the Syrian immigrants may find congenial occupation.

The rich Armenians who have planned this scheme propose to supply all the necessary funds to bring the immigrants here to purchase the land and stock it, and to found a city. Capital will be loaned to the immigrants until they are able to start on their own account and they will be encouraged to buy the land as soon as possible.

The location of the new Damascus has not yet been determined. The capitalists who started the scheme, and who prefer not to be known as yet by name, have authorized Townsend Scudder, a lawyer of this city, to look out for the desired track of land, which will probably lie in the south or southwest.

Three Persons Injured.

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—During the prevalence of a severe gale shortly after noon yesterday, the eastern market building on Russell street, just south of the house of correction, blew down, severely injuring three persons, slightly injuring several others, killing three horses and injuring four more. The building was simply an enormous roof, supported by iron pillars, with a ground plan in the form of a cross extending in each direction from street to street through the center of the square. The injured are: Mrs. J. C. Baumgartner, left arm broken, right shoulder dislocated and severe flesh wounds; her son David received severe scalp wounds and internal injuries, which may result fatally; Adolphus Daron, cut about head.

It May Be a Big Combine.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—A meeting of the executive committee of the iron and steel manufacturing bureau was held last night at which Governor Evans, Senator Tabor, J. B. Porter, J. W. Nasmith and Secretary Durbin were present. As the conference was held with closed doors just what business was transacted cannot be learned, but it is stated on good authority that they organized a stock company, capital, $5,000,000, with $500,000 fully paid in, for the purpose of erecting a large plant to manufacture iron ore in this city.

Senator Ingall's Prospects.

ATCHISON, Kan., Dec. 24.—Senator Ingalls, who arrived here yesterday from Washington, declines to talk freely about his chances for re-election. He says, however, he is confident he will be re-elected. He claims that he will have seventy-one votes, and the remaining twelve necessary to elect him will come when needed. Senator Ingalls will remain home for the holidays, and probably will not return to Washington until after the legislature has decided whether he is to succeed himself in the senate.

Murdered by Mexicans.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 24.—F. M. Wilkins, a partner in the large cattle ranch of Wilkins Brothers & Company, together with a cowboy named C. S. Walton, were found Monday shot to death at the camp fifty miles from Laredo. Wilkins' body had been riddled with bullets and thrown into an old warehouse where Walton had evidently been shot while eating breakfast. Two Mexicans are suspected of the murders and have fled across the Rio Grande, with the sheriff and posse in pursuit.

THE MARKETS.

Review of the Stock, Money and Cattle Market for Dec. 23.

Wall Street.

Money on call easy at 4@5 per cent.

Exchange dull; posted rates, 480½@485, actual rates, 4.80@484¼ for sixty days, and 484@484 for demand.

Governments steady; currency sixes 109 bid; fours coupon 122 bid; four-and-a-halfs do 103¼ bid.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

The following were the closing figures:

Atchison	28¾	L. & N.	71⅝
C., B. & Q.	88⅛	Mich. Cent.	90
C.,C.,C.& St. L.	55⅛	N. Y. Central	99
C. & O.	56¾	Northwestern	103¾
Del & Hudson	121	Ohio & Miss.	22
D., L. & W.	128	Rock Island	70⅛
Erie	18⅛	St. Paul	49⅝
Lake Shore	108	Western Union	75⅜

Indianapolis.

CATTLE—Shippers, $2.90@4.80; butchers, $1.00@3.25; bulls, $1.00@3.15.

SHEEP—$2.50@4.50, lambs, $3.50@5.50.

HOGS—Choice heavy, $3.45@3.55; choice light $3.40@3.55; mixed, $3.30@3.45; pigs, $2.00@3.00.

Cincinnati.

WHEAT—98@1.00.

CORN—51@55.

WOOL—Unwashed fine merino, 17@18c; ¼ blood combing, 22@25c; medium delaine and clothing, 26@30c; braid, 17@18c; medium clothing, 25@26c; fleece washed, fine merino, X and XX, 29@32c; medium clothing, 30@33c.

CATTLE—Good to choice butchers, $3.40@3.85, fair to medium, $2.25@3.25; common, $1.00@1.75.

HOGS—Selected butchers and heavy shipping, $3.55@3.60; fair to good mixed, $3.30@3.50; common to rough, $2.75@3.15; fair to good light, $3.00@3.25; pigs, $2.75@3.25.

SHEEP—$2.00@5.25.

LAMBS—$3.25@6.00.

Pittsburg.

CATTLE—Prime, $4.90@4.75; good, $3.60@4.10, fair, $2.90@3.10; stags and fat cows, 3@3c; fresh cows, $[illegible]; veal calves, $5.00@6.00.

HOGS—Extra selected, $3.60@3.70; best heavy mixed, $3.50@3.60; best heavy Yorkers, 3.40@3.50; common and light Yorkers, $3.25@3.30.

SHEEP—Prime, $5.00@5.40, fair to good, $3.50@4.70; common, 2@3c.

LAMBS—4@6c.

Chicago.

HOGS—Light, $3.00@3.25; mixed, $3.20@3.45, heavy, $3.30@3.60.

CATTLE—Extra beeves, $5.00@5.40, steers, $3.25@4.85, mixed, $1.00@3.00.

SHEEP—$3.25@4.25.

LAMBS—$4.75@5.50.

New York.

WHEAT—No. 2 red winter $1.07@1.05¼; January, $1.04¼.

CORN—Mixed, 59@61c.

OATS—No. 2 mixed, [illegible].

Toledo.

WHEAT—Cash, 95½c; May, $1.00¾.

CORN—Cash, 55c; May, 52¾c.

OATS—46c.

Hamilton Fish Recovering.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mr. Hamilton Fish, secretary of state in President Grant's cabinet, who was reported seriously ill, is recovering. The physician says the report that Mr. Fish was critically ill was erroneous. He was troubled with nothing more than a severe cold.

Life is Misery.

To thousands of people who have the taint of scrofula in their blood. The agonies caused by the dreadful running sores and other manifestations of this disease are beyond description. There is no other remedy equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla for scrofula, salt rheum and every form of blood disease. It is reasonably sure to benefit all who give it a fair trial. Be sure to get Hood's.

How's Your Liver?

Is the Oriental salutation, knowing that good health cannot exist without a healthy Liver. When the Liver is torpid the Bowels are sluggish and constipated, the food lies in the stomach undigested, poisoning the blood; frequent headache ensues; a feeling of lassitude, despondency and nervousness indicate how the whole system is deranged. Simmons Liver Regulator has been the means of restoring more people to health and happiness by giving them a healthy Liver than any [illegible]. It [illegible] dinary [illegible].

NEVER BEEN DISAPPOINTED.

As a general family remedy for Dyspepsia, Torpid Liver, Constipation, [illegible] [illegible] been disappointed in the effect [illegible] it seems to be almost a perfect cure for all diseases of the Stomach and Bowels.

W. J. McELROY, [illegible]

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A SUMMER COTTAGE.

Designs Which Could Be Carried Out in Either Swiss or English Style.

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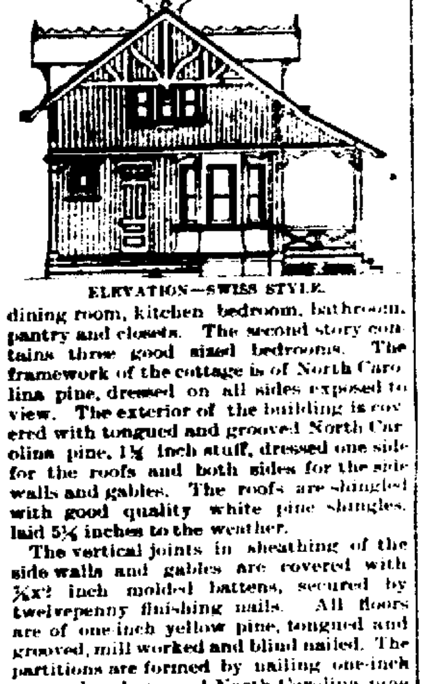
The accompanying illustrations represent alternate designs for a summer cottage, with but a slight modification in the plans. The first design is what is termed the "Swiss cottage style" of architecture, adapted, of course, to the requirements of an American family. Its characteristic features are the low pitched roof and open timber work, wide projections of cornices, details of brackets, veranda, etc., and is most appropriate for hilly or rugged scenery. The first story contains a large staircase, hall, parlor, with a pretty bay window,

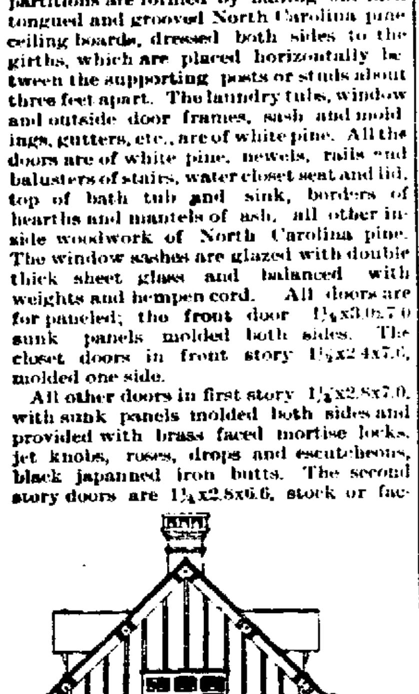


ELEVATION—SWISS STYLE.

dining room, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, pantry and closets. The second story contains three good sized bedrooms. The framework of the cottage is of North Carolina pine, dressed on all sides exposed to view. The exterior of the building is covered with tongued and grooved North Carolina pine, 1¼ inch stuff, dressed one side for the roofs and both sides for the side walls and gables. The roofs are shingled with good quality white pine shingles, laid 5½ inches to the weather.

The vertical joints in sheathing of the side walls and gables are covered with ⅝x2 inch molded battens, secured by twelvepenny finishing nails. All floors are of one inch yellow pine, tongued and grooved, mill worked and blind nailed. The partitions are formed by nailing one-inch tongued and grooved North Carolina pine ceiling boards, dressed both sides to the girths, which are placed horizontally between the supporting posts or studs about three feet apart. The laundry tubs, window and outside door frames, sash and moldings, gutters, etc., are of white pine. All the doors are of white pine, newels, rails and balusters of stairs, water closet seat and lid, top of bath tub and sink, borders of hearths and mantels of ash, all other inside woodwork of North Carolina pine. The window sashes are glazed with double thick sheet glass and balanced with weights and hempen cord. All doors are four paneled; the front door 1¾x3.0x7.0 sunk panels molded both sides. The closet doors in front story 1⅜x2.4x7.0, molded one side.

All other doors in first story 1⅜x2.8x7.0, with sunk panels molded both sides and provided with brass faced mortise locks, jet knobs, roses, drops and escutcheons, black japanned iron butts. The second story doors are 1⅜x2.8x6.6, stock or fac-

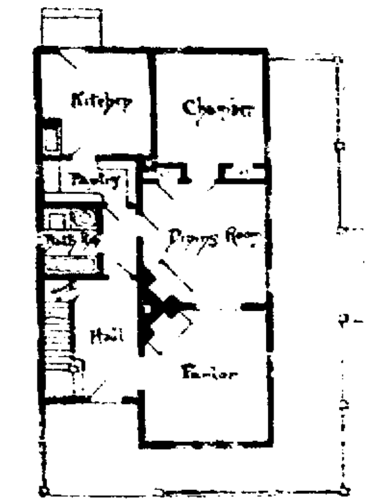


ELEVATION—ENGLISH STYLE.

tory made, provided with rim locks, black japanned butts, roses, drops and escutcheons, brown mineral knobs. There is a suitable kitchen sink, range with water back, galvanized iron thirty gallon boiler, twelve ounce planished bath tub, all earthenware, washout water closet fitted up complete and supplied with water from a tank in the second story, which is arranged to receive all the roof water, which supplies the plumbing fixtures. A pump is provided which supplies the tank with water from a well in case the rain supply is short. The linings of valleys, fastenings and conducting leaders are of tin. The wastes from the plumbing fixtures are received in a cesspool some thirty-five feet from the house.

The exterior of the building is painted in two coats of ready mixed paints—the body of the building a light drab color and the trimmings dark drab, with moldings and sash picked out in bright red. The newels, rails and balusters of stairs, top of bath tub and water closet and mantels are first finished with one coat of wood filler and two coats best copal varnish. The doors are varnished two coats; all other inside woodwork finished with one coat hard oil and one coat varnish.

The hearths are of glazed tiles, facings of fireplace of pressed brick and stained with Venetian red and oil, chimneys of hard brick, laid in lime mortar. The foundation walls are of stone, laid in lime mortar or brick. Or, if extreme cheapness is desired, the building could rest on twelve foot brick piers, or even locust or cedar posts, all below the depth of frost. This building can be erected for from $1,000 to $1,200 without the plumbing, which would



FLOOR PLAN.

be an additional item of $[illegible]. The second design is in the "English style" upon the same ground plan, with the exception of the bay window which is omitted. The half timber work in this case is exposed for the interior instead of exterior, the studs are placed vertically and the ceiling nailed on them horizontally. The cost of No. 2 is from $1,300 to $1,500 without plumbing.

D. W. KING.

PERSONAL [illegible]

James Russell Lowell [illegible] house at Southboro, Mass.

[illegible] years old and [illegible] His brother R[illegible] pounds.

Kepler, the famous [illegible] was the son of [illegible] enjoying [illegible] cured of poverty.

M. Emile Sauret [illegible] ist, has been appointed [illegible] M. Prosper Sainton at the Royal Academy of Music, London.

Hon. John Hicks, United States minister to Peru, has presented a collection of antiquities from that country to Lawrence university, Wisconsin.

James Rogers, who has been [illegible] $8 a week in Omaha, has been notified that he is the heir to an estate of $[illegible] and the title of Lord D[illegible].

Paul Dana, whom Mayor [illegible] of New York, has appointed a park commissioner, is the son of Mr. Dana, of [illegible] graduate of Harvard, and [illegible] age.

President Harrison goes out driving every day for an hour or two. No president, with the possible exception of Grant, was accustomed to handling the reins as much as Harrison does.

Arthur Orton, the British claimant alias Tichborne, is now employed as a waiter in a big drinking saloon in Birmingham. He is paid a large salary on account of his facility in drawing custom.

Hon. Joseph Chamberlain was one of the largest prize winners in the recent chrysanthemum show at Birmingham, and in orchids Mr. Chamberlain maintained his long established reputation.

Mr. Blaine is a great student of Napoleon Bonaparte. He has in his house in Washington a number of excellent engravings and etchings of the Corsican in the various stages of his meteoric career.

Jacob Seligman, the Michigan millionaire, is one of the smallest men physically in the country. He says his diminutive physique has had much to do with his success in life. He is reported to be worth $15,000,000.

John Bancroft, a man who was a tramp eight years ago, and who died recently in Portland, Ore., bequeathed all of his property, estimated at $[illegible], to a woman in Sacramento who once gave him a lodging and some good advice.

Sir John Millais' eyesight, which gave him a good deal of trouble, and threatened to interfere with his painting, has improved. He has given himself the advantage of a very long rest, and his general health is excellent.

John G. Otis, the leader of the Alliance congressional delegation from Kansas, is a graduate of Williams college and of Harvard law school, and is a native of Rutland, Vt. For the past twenty years he has been a milkman in Topeka.

Alexander, the first Lord Ashburton, who negotiated with Mr. Webster the famous treaty which bears his name, which settled amicably with England the threatening question of the northwestern boundary of the United States, was a member of the Baring family.

Sixty years ago there were but five millionaires in this country: John Jacob Astor and Stephen Whitney, of New York; Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati; Stephen Girard, of Philadelphia, and William Gray, of Boston. There are now 300 millionaires in New York alone.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

Mrs. Potter is to appear in a grand production of "Hero and Leander" when she returns to America.

John L. Sullivan says that his receipts as an actor this season will aggregate $20,000. He says he won't fight anybody again.

Mme. Patti has declined a tempting offer to have another farewell tour here next season. She wants to defer her next American leave taking till the time of the Chicago exposition.

Bronson Howard writes from London that the subject of his new play is somewhat difficult to develop, and is deeply American, and deserves the best treatment and most honest thought he can give it.

Miss Maida Craigen has brought suit against Miss Margaret Mather on account of the difficulty at the beginning of the season which ended in Miss Craigen's leaving Miss Mather's company after playing for only two weeks.

Salzburg, Austria, is soon to be to the admirers of Mozart what Bayreuth is to those of Wagner. It is to have a splendid opera house exclusively devoted to the model presentations of Mozart's operatic compositions.

A new play for Tommy Russell, by Octavius Cohen, has its time during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and one of the characters is William Shakespeare. The play will probably be called "[illegible] Rattles; or, The Waif of Devon."

The costumes worn by Sara Bernhardt in "Cleopatra" are said to have thrown all Paris into ecstacies of delight. These costumes are really nothing more than classic draperies held in place by sashes and fastened by scarabees and precious stones.

It is said that there will probably be a new aspirant for dramatic honors in the shape of Mrs. Blackwood, a Toronto "society" lady, and the wife of the lawyer who was so active in the recent Russell case. Mrs. Blackwood is said to be handsome and dramatically gifted.

ATCHISON PHILOSOPHY.

Men become selfish because of the selfishness of others.

A man will excuse anything in the woman who is not his wife.

Any man can acquire a habit, but few men can rid [illegible].

A woman forgets when she forgives; a man forgives when he forgets.

If you would [illegible] watch them [illegible].

Don't measure [illegible] measure [illegible].

[illegible] some of [illegible].

Should you [illegible] remember that [illegible].

It takes [illegible] interest [illegible] who [illegible].

If [illegible] kind [illegible] does [illegible].

There [illegible] which [illegible].

It [illegible] make himself [illegible] what he gives her to eat.—Atchison Globe.

DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

Miss Belle Cole, the American contralto, [illegible] in London.

[illegible] of Baltimore has a [illegible] with Mexican onyx [illegible].

Mrs. [illegible] advises middle [illegible] to play at ball for half an hour every day.

The [illegible] of Massachusetts [illegible] into one of the literary [illegible] of Boston.

Ada Rehan has purchased a house on [illegible] street in New York. The [illegible] $[illegible], and stands in her own [illegible].

[illegible], the great French dancer, [illegible] inspiration while performing [illegible] takes exactly the same [illegible].

Cora Greenwald, of Bernville, Pa., professes to be the youngest school teacher in the country. She is but 13, and has taught one term with success.

Miss Kate Drexel, of Philadelphia, now "Sister Katharine," of the Order of the Blessed Sacrament, has already spent at least $[illegible] for the work among the Indians.

Miss Mabella Young Low, a New York girl and college graduate, has purchased a nursery, and will devote her time and energies to the cultivation of roses and mushrooms.

Hetty Green, the richest woman in America, has opened a real estate office in Chicago, and, besides lending from her immense fortune, will vigorously push her law suits.

Vice President Morton's eldest daughter, Miss Edith Morton, is about 17 years old. She is a pretty girl, who has been well educated, and possesses many graces of manner.

Edna Lyall, the novelist, is hardly 30. She is a demure and unassuming little woman, who talks slowly and with hesitation. Much of her literary work is done on a typewriter.

Mrs. Potter Palmer, nee Honore, who was recently elected president of the lady board of managers of the World's Fair, is one of the most beautiful and charming women in American society.

The Marquise d'Algeri, who is becoming famous in Europe for her beauty and wit, is known to the American public as Blanche Roosevelt. Fifteen years ago she was a choir singer in Chicago. Her husband is the son of the Italian minister of posts and telegraphs.

Stella Louise Hook, author of "Little People and their Homes in Meadows, Woods and Waters," is a granddaughter of the late Gen. O. M. Mitchel, one of the world's great popularizers of science. Miss Hook wrote "Little People" but a few years ago, when she was hardly 20 years of age.

ROYAL FLUSHES.

Empress Elizabeth of Austria has conceived a wish to visit Cuba, Jamaica and Mexico.

The queen of Spain recently acted as godmother to the infant of a light house keeper on the island of Santa Clara, near her majesty's castle by the sea.

Princess Wilhelmina, who has just been proclaimed queen of the Netherlands, is the daughter of the queen regent Emma, the late king's second wife, and only 10 years of age.

"Alarm Fritz" isn't a very dignified title to apply to the emperor of Germany, but that is the name he is known by in the German army on account of his habit of arousing the garrisons in the middle of the night.

Prince Hirosyas two is the lion of the day in Berlin. His uncle, the mikado of Japan, has sent him to that city, accompanied by three secretaries and six young Japanese noblemen, for the purpose of attending maritime and other studies.

The Empress Frederick has rented the villa Loeschight, one of the handsomest residences in Bonn, and had it fitted up for the residence of Princess Victoria, her daughter, and the latter's husband, Prince Adolf, of Schaumburg-Lippe.

The king of Italy is a splendid horseman and takes an eager interest in fox hunting. He follows the hounds outside his big brown hunter Recreation, a horse sixteen hands high and all bone and muscle, and makes a fine appearance in the field.

Since Queen Victoria's accession the present royal family of England has cost the nation the considerable sum of $178,113,145. Of this amount about $125,000,000 has been spent toward maintaining the state and household and toward filling the queen's private purse.

The Belgian king astonished even the German imperial family, whose members have a name for early rising, by his tendency to get up at unearthly hours during his recent visit. While at Potsdam he never rose later than half-past 5 a. m., and then took a red hot bath.

THE LATEST IN JEWELS.

There is a revival of the loose chain bracelet with padlock.

Chatelaines, with their taking little pendants, continue to be liked.

There is a demand not only for fancy colored diamonds, but for all colored gems.

Miniatures of historical characters are much worn, both in brooches and in bracelets.

Necklaces, by the by, are more worn than ever. Some of them take on the form of a fringe. Gold and silver beads continue to be popular.

A watch in accordance with feminine fancy is in the form of a rose with pearl [illegible] leaves, the dial forming the center of the rose. This swings from a chatelaine of pearl set chains.

This season's productions in silver, whether for toilet or personal use, emphasize [illegible] tendency to bright finish, [illegible] decorations, the latter being [illegible] applied in the form of a [illegible] center.

[illegible] watches are smaller and [illegible] decorated than ever. [illegible] the cases of which are [illegible] diamonds, [illegible] with diamonds hanging [illegible].

[illegible] are again to be [illegible] dainty and small. [illegible] pair of earrings [illegible] pearls pendant [illegible] in diamonds, [illegible] afford [illegible].

[illegible] All gater. [illegible] in delicate [illegible] cases, [illegible] gold or [illegible] sometimes [illegible] massed together [illegible] the ornamentation.—Jewelers' Circular.

Gen. Booth's [illegible]

I have always thought that the weak spot in the Salvation Army is that Gen. Booth places his children in high positions, and evidently contemplates the generalship being hereditary in his family. Now, the odds against the son of a remarkable man being the person best fitted to succeed him in arbitrary sway over a vast organization are great. We do not dream of judges' sons succeeding judges, or prime ministers' sons succeeding prime ministers, although possibly the fathers may think that the sons are more fitted than any others to carry on their work.

In a letter the general explains that the general of the Salvation Army for the time being is to have the fullest powers of administrative and executive control over the property (i. e., the funds subscribed), and that in the deed regulating this provision will be made for the appointment of his successor at his death. But he does not explain how this successor is to be appointed. If the funds are placed in the hands of Gen. Booth a committee should be appointed to whom he would himself be responsible, and which committee would have some voice in the appointment of his successor, and have some sort of control over him.—London Truth.

Electric Lights on a Railroad Track.

The line of the Pennsylvania railroad, from Frankford creek on the south to Poquessing creek on the north, at Torresdale, a distance of nearly seven miles, is soon to be lighted by electric lights ranged along at intervals, so that for that distance the tracks will be as light as Chestnut street.

The contract for this latest great feat in modern railroad management for the security of the lives of passengers and employes, and the avoidance of loss by the smashing up of freight trains, has been awarded.

The stretch of railroad to be lighted is through a populous district, and has long been noted for the frequency of accidents on it. There is little doubt that the electric lighting will greatly reduce or almost entirely do away with this danger.

It is understood that in time the electric lighting system will be extended along the railroad, and may in time extend all the way between Philadelphia and New York. In this way the track would be made almost as bright as day.—Philadelphia Record.

A Clever Smuggling Scheme.

A string of sausages floated idly around in an eddy between two Pacific coast steamship docks two hours the other day. They popped up from somewhere, nobody knew where. The City of Puebla had been thoroughly searched and nothing contraband discovered. Customs Inspector Critcher, standing guard on her deck, suspected nothing, but fretted by the persistency of the sausages in floating in the slip instead of following the tide, called to two boatmen to take them out of the water. The boatmen did so, and it was found that every "sausage" had a fine silk fish line tied to it, at the end of which dangled a box of opium wrapped in oiled silk. There were 2,200 boxes in all, worth nearly $3,000. The "sausages" were scraps of cork wrapped in tarpaulin and linked with cord, each link being loaded with sufficient salt to sink it about a foot under water.—San Francisco Letter.

Both Elopers Wore Gowns.

A novel elopement which occurred Saturday was that of Mr. J. T. Higdon, a young printer, and Miss Rosalind Bush, the 14-year-old daughter of Samuel T. Bush, a well known carpenter of Owensboro, Ky. As the girl could be gotten away from home only during the daytime, the groom conceived the idea of dressing in female attire and getting out of town without creating any suspicion. Accordingly he so dressed himself, and, calling at the house of a friend for the girl, they escaped in a buggy to Rockport, Ind., where they were married. Too late the father ascertained that he had been outwitted, and swore he would kill, etc. He is tamer now, however, and the young people are happy.—Cor. Louisville Courier-Journal.

Game at Small Expense.

The crew and passengers of the Pittsburg were treated to a game dinner on the way down the river a few days ago. While between Keokuk and Quincy the river was filled with wild ducks. During the night a hailstorm set in and disturbed the birds, and they flocked around the boat, many being dashed to death against the cabins and masts and falling upon the decks. A sufficient number was picked up by the crew to feed everybody on the boat.—Louisiana (Mo.) Press.

The Biggest Texas Wheat Field.

A company of capitalists has purchased 10,000 acres of land on the railroad at Vista, and will convert the entire body into one immense wheat field. Much of the land can be broken this winter. Twelve gang plows have been ordered, and the breaking of the land will commence as soon as these arrive. A wheat field 10,000 acres in extent is so far unknown in Texas.—Cor. San Antonio Express.

About the beginning of the century the London clearing house was established, while that of New York, which is the oldest in the United States, came into existence in 1853. Last year's clearances of the New York institution amounted to about $[illegible] and those of London's $[illegible].

The will of Charles Peck, which has been probated in New Haven, Conn., consisted of pages of paper so pasted as to form a sheet twenty feet long. It is thought that Mr. Peck's idea was to prevent substitutions or interlineations.

A new blacking brush is so made that the blacking may be located in its back and completely hidden from view when not in use, means also being provided for conveniently drawing the blacking out from the back of the brush.

Opening a Com[illegible]

Minnehaha, S. D., [illegible] new court [illegible]. Over $[illegible] [illegible] in, and recently [illegible] the contract was [illegible] could not be accepted. [illegible] ing was that no one could open the vaults unless he had the combination or was an expert at safe blowing.

Last week Edward R. Saunders, a plumber, not over 17 years old, entered the county clerk's office while the clerk was endeavoring to open one of the new vaults. The combination had been lost, and finally the clerk gave up the job. Young Saunders, who was standing by, said he could open it. County Commissioner McKee offered to give Saunders $10 if he could open the safe. The proposition was accepted. The young lad placed his ear to the door, listened to the fall of the tumblers, and in a few moments the door swung open. Saunders was turned out of the room and the combination was changed. Another trial was given the young genius and again the door flew open. The chairman of the county commissioners has informed the safe company that their safes would not be accepted, and awaited their further orders.

Saunders has since opened a vault of the Hall make in one of the leading banks of the city as easily as if he knew the combination. In one of the letters that passed between the commissioners and the safe company the latter agree to forfeit $10,000 if the lad can open any vault without first knowing the combination.—Plumbers' Trade Journal.

Capt. Watts' Gift to Thomaston.

One of the most pathetic scenes witnessed in this state for a long time marked the exercises attending the presentation of the new building to the town of Thomaston, Me., by Capt. Samuel Watts. The old captain had a falling out with the town a number of years ago, and he cleared out, with all his taxable property, going to Boston. In later years his heart changed and he made the town the munificent gift. Said he, when he made his little speech:

"I am human. I have my likes and dislikes, which is applicable to most of mankind. I have lived to the age of more than threescore-and-ten—eight years more. Mr. Chairman and citizens of Thomaston, I say to one and all, I stand before you willing to forgive and ask to be forgiven. Mr. Chairman, I wish to say before taking my seat that my desire is, at the end of my earthly career, I shall be laid in yonder cemetery side by side where my wife and most of my children lie moldering in the dust." The brave old mariner said a few words more, and then had to give up, overcome by his emotions. The people of Thomaston are full of warm and affectionate words for him.—Boston Journal.

A Singular Partition.

A case which is believed by lawyers to have no parallel in legal history has just been brought out in the Norfolk county court at Dedham. The late R. W. Shapleigh, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died leaving an estate of $700,000 for thirty heirs, with no provision as to its disposal that would stand the test of the courts. There was found, however, in an old wallet a paper in his well known handwriting, but without his signature, which disposed of about half of the property to individuals, mostly nearest relatives. Some of these would not get a penny if the estate was settled by process of law. A family meeting was forthwith held, and it was agreed by all to abide by the apparent wishes of the late Mr. Shapleigh. They also decided to set apart a sum to maintain a cemetery at West Lebanon, Me., in which Mr. Shapleigh always had a deep personal interest. The lawyers say there was never such a case brought to their notice before.—Springfield Republican.

Trusting a Stranger.

A queer story is told about a Maine character who recently won an unenviable notoriety. While a well known Baptist clergyman, Rev. C. V. Hanson, was coming from Lewiston by train about a year ago, an elderly man in the same car inquired whether there was any one present going to Skowhegan. Mr. Hanson told him he resided there, whereat this man counted out $500, and gave the same to Mr. Hanson to deposit in the First National bank.

The circumstance passed from his mind until one day looking over his papers Mr. Hanson discovered by the receipt given him by Cashier Page that the man who intrusted him with the $500 was none other than Micah W. Norton, of New Portland. Either Norton is a pretty good reader of physiognomy or thinks he is.—Somerset Reporter.

A Costly Cow.

To prove the ownership of a $15 cow the costs were $75 in Squire Schwab's court Monday afternoon. It took from 2 o'clock to 7 o'clock to examine the seventy-five witnesses. It seems that Frank Groneman, a West End dairyman, lost a cow, and found her in the stables of Fred Koster, his neighbor. A replevin of the animal followed, and the jury gave Groneman his cow, with $1 damages. The cow, covered with ribbons, was hauled in a dray to the squire's office.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

A Timely Discovery.

A new insulating material, having all the properties of gutta-percha, but with a higher [illegible] resistance, is claimed by Dr. Purcell Taylor, of London. It is [illegible] and is said to be [illegible] tough and elastic, capable of [illegible] made either [illegible] and to be only [illegible] as expensive as gutta-percha.—Arkansaw Traveler.

A Big Sunflower.

The biggest sunflower on record has been raised this year by Mrs. Pen[illegible], of Cleveland, O. The stalk is 6 inches in diameter at the ground, it stands 12 feet high, and the flower measures 9 feet in circumference.—Omaha Bee.

RAN AFOUL OF A PROFESSOR.

What Happened to a Johnny Who Was Given [illegible]

"Aw—I [illegible]

[illegible]

And [illegible]

"I—aw [illegible]

The [illegible]

[illegible]

The frightened [illegible] extremely [illegible]—Buffalo Express.

In the Whispering Gallery [illegible]

It is not [illegible] goddess of [illegible] dal[illegible] walk to [illegible] tered the [illegible] lery is the [illegible] as if they [illegible]. The points of [illegible] tract them [illegible] cozy nook [illegible] crowd [illegible] they were [illegible] stairway's [illegible].

"[illegible] alone. You [illegible] want to hear it [illegible] love me."

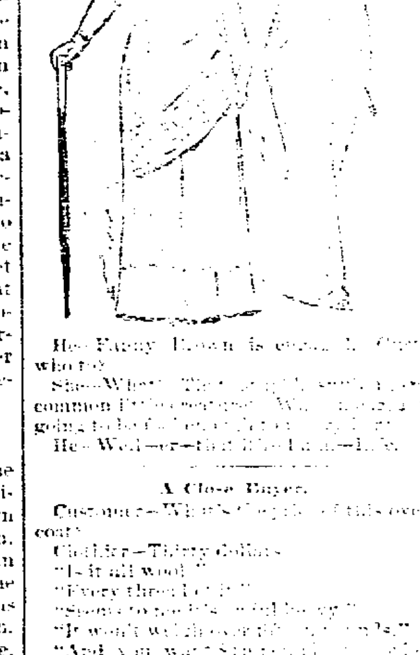
Her lips parted [illegible] reply there came [illegible] brutish voice:

"You can [illegible]"

They [illegible] tled faces [illegible].

They had [illegible] and there was [illegible] of the line.—Washington Post.

The Penalty of Circumlocution.



He—Fanny Brown is engaged to [illegible] who [illegible]

She—Whose? [illegible] common [illegible] going to be [illegible]

He—Well—er—that [illegible].

A Close Buyer.

Customer—What's the price of this overcoat?

Clothier—Thirty dollars.

"Is it all wool?"

"Every thread [illegible]."

"[illegible]"

"[illegible]"

"And you want [illegible] wool is worth [illegible] derin' [illegible] Give [illegible] Tribune.

A Ruined [illegible]

"There was an [illegible] great ocean [illegible] said [illegible]. "When [illegible] save the [illegible] place [illegible] the [illegible] sense [illegible] walked [illegible]

"What did [illegible]

"[illegible]

[illegible] York Sun.

A[illegible]

Lady [illegible] of the [illegible]

Mrs. N[illegible]

Lady de P[illegible] What [illegible]

Mrs. [illegible]

A Celestial [illegible]

[illegible]

A[illegible]

[illegible]

—Madame [illegible] Park.

[illegible] New Discovery.

[illegible] friends and neighbors [illegible] You may yourself [illegible] from personal [illegible] a thing it is. [illegible] are one of its [illegible] wonderful [illegible] once given a [illegible] ever after [illegible] If you have [illegible] with a [illegible] lung or chest [illegible] and give it [illegible] every time, or [illegible] free at

[illegible] fact [illegible] Hom[illegible] Tecumseh as [illegible] the aborig[illegible].

[illegible] Nerve and Liver Pills

[illegible] regulating the [illegible] bowels [illegible] Dr. Miles' Pills [illegible] bad taste, torpid [illegible] Unequaled for [illegible] Smallest, mildest, [illegible] Samples free, [illegible] Holcombe & Co.

Dyspepsia

[illegible] of many people miserable, [illegible] self-destruction. Distress [illegible] sour stomach, sick headache, [illegible] appetite, a faint, "all gone" [illegible] coated tongue, and irregularity of the bowels, are some of the more common symptoms. Dyspepsia does not get well of itself. It requires careful, persistent [illegible] a remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which acts gently, yet surely and [illegible]. It tones the stomach and other [illegible] the digestion, creates a [illegible] and by thus [illegible] the local symptoms [illegible] the sympathetic [illegible] of the disease, banishes the [illegible] and refreshes the tired mind. [illegible] troubled with dyspepsia. I [illegible] appetite, and what I did eat distressed me, or did me little good. In an hour after eating I would experience a faintness, or tired, all-gone feeling, as though I had not eaten anything. My trouble, I think, was aggravated by my business, which is that of a painter, and from being more or less shut up in a room with fresh paint. Last spring I took Hood's Sarsaparilla—took three bottles. It did me an immense amount of good. It gave me an appetite, and my food relished and satisfied the craving I had previously experienced." George A. Page, Watertown, Mass.

Distress After Eating **Sick Headache** **Heart-burn** **Sour Stomach**

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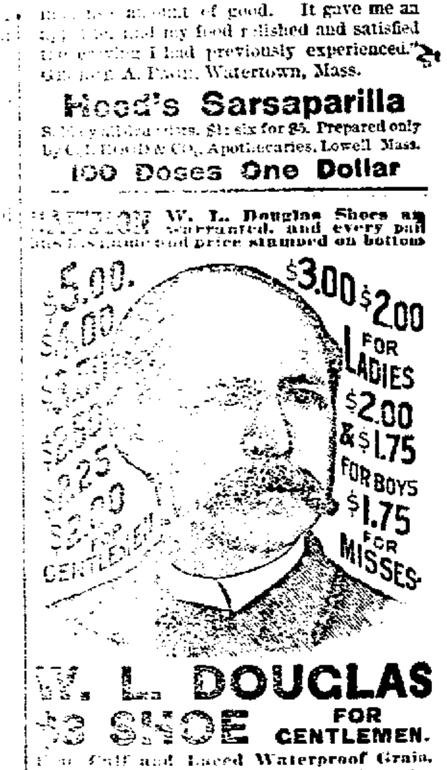

W. L. DOUGLAS $3 SHOE FOR GENTLEMEN.

[illegible] Calf and Laced Waterproof Grain. [illegible] wearing qualities of this shoe [illegible] by the strong endorsements [illegible] constant wearers.

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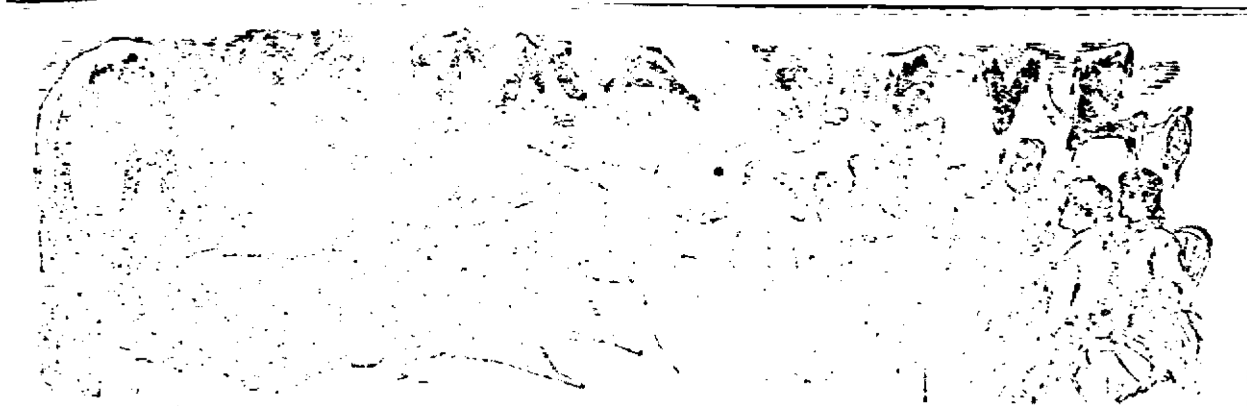

Of Ten.

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Of Eighteen.

CHRISTMAS EVE [illegible]
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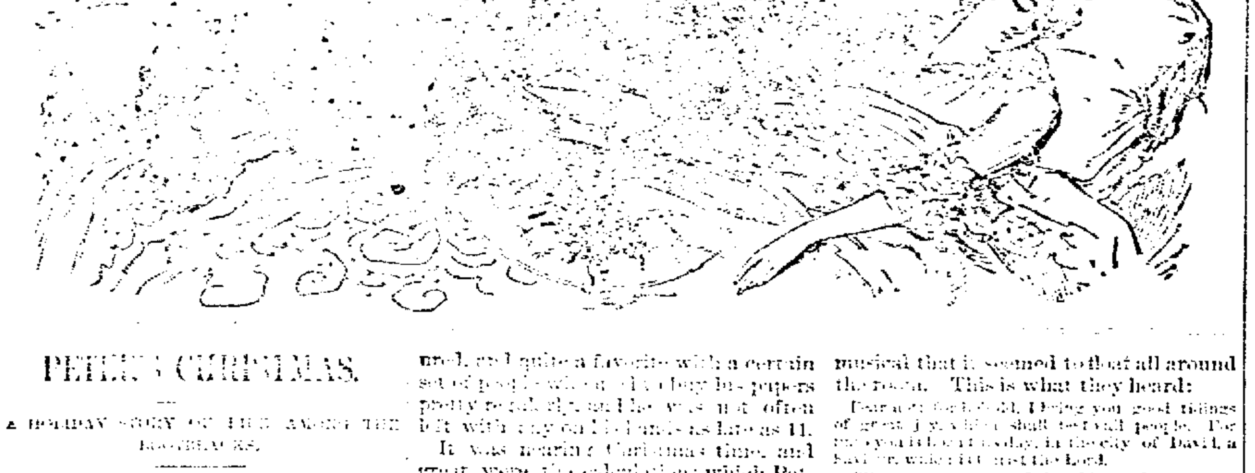
DANCING, GASLIGHT, AND A BEAU.



PETE'S CHRISTMAS.

A HOLIDAY STORY OF LIFE AMONG THE NEWSBOYS.

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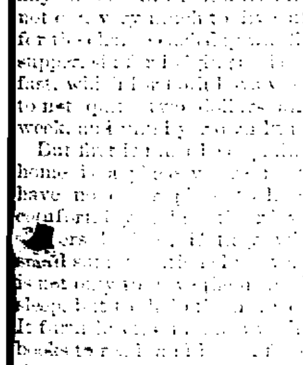


PETE lived at the Newsboys' Home in a big American city. Pete was not a newsboy, but the way he came to be at the home was [illegible]. His brother Patsey, [illegible] years old, was [illegible] brother and [illegible] Pete, and Patsey was a newsboy. Pete was but 6, and too young to [illegible] Patsey thought, and as he was quite a [illegible] could [illegible] with him," [illegible] There [illegible] could [illegible] any [illegible] in the family circle. [illegible] for [illegible] supper, [illegible] fast, [illegible] to net [illegible] two dollars and a half a week, and [illegible]."

But first [illegible] home [illegible] have [illegible] comfortable [illegible] is not only [illegible] sleep, but [illegible] It [illegible] books [illegible] them [illegible] affording [illegible] great [illegible] who [illegible] the [illegible] month. [illegible] hours [illegible] some [illegible] isn't [illegible] boy who [illegible] pretty good place.

But to come back to Pete. He stayed at the [illegible] because Patsey was afraid to leave such a little chap on the streets, and the matron, Mrs. Brown, was very good to him. She allowed him to run about with her during the day, and gave him his dinner when she took hers, and said he was a "real help [illegible] was" in her work. [illegible] the fellow [illegible] The [illegible] a lad [illegible] or a bit of [illegible] at night. [illegible] rough in speech and [illegible] has a kinder heart than [illegible] under [illegible] jacket.

Patsey, as I have said, supported himself and Pete [illegible] it was no easy task. In order to do this and put pennies away in the bank [illegible] to work early and late. [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Patsey was bright and good natured, and quite a favorite with a certain set of people who bought his papers pretty regularly, and he was not often left with any on his hands as late as 11.

It was nearing Christmas time, and great were the calculations which Patsey was making about a "Christmas treat for little Pete." He talked it over with the matron one night, just after the announcement had been made that the banks in the big table would be opened on the 21st of December, instead of compelling the boys to wait until the first of the month, as was the rule.

"Ain't it jolly, Mrs. Brown?" said Patsey. "I believe there'll be a couple of dollars in my bank, and I'll spend every red cent of it for Pete. It's kinder tough on a little chap like him not to have any folks when Christmas comes as'll give 'im presents an' [illegible] an' all the things that everybody [illegible]. But I'll make it up to him [illegible], you bet. He['ll] [illegible] hanging up his stockin', an' I'm [illegible] take him out for tiptop grub [illegible] restaurants [illegible] What d'ye say to that?" And Patsey stopped from sheer want of breath.

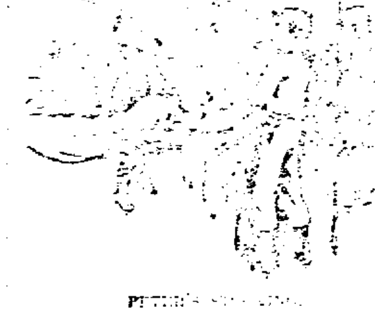
"I don't think Pete need [illegible] his friend Patsey McGill. Isn't it yourself that [illegible] to make up for all the rest? What more does he want than what you have planned? Nothing but a tree, and maybe we can fix him up with one; who knows?"

"I could git a tree, but there'd be nothin' to put on it," said Patsey.

"Never mind, Patsy," replied Mrs. Brown mysteriously. "You find the tree, and I will see what we can find to put on it."

She was thinking of a pair of bright red mittens she was herself knitting for the express purpose of keeping Pete's hands warm when he went out. And visions of scalloped cakes she meant to have baked [illegible] and the bag of candy [illegible] mind to buy him passed before her, only now she [illegible] them on a tree instead of [illegible] under his pillow, as she had intended.

"I'll say fur ye, Mrs. Brown," shouted Patsey. "Yer a brick, an' no mean one either, but a nice, smooth [illegible] brick, what they uses to build fine houses with, that's what ye are! I'll find a tree true [illegible] for that." And the delighted boy went to his bed, di-



PETE'S STOCKING.

rectly over the [illegible] little Pete [illegible] of Christmas [illegible]

[illegible]

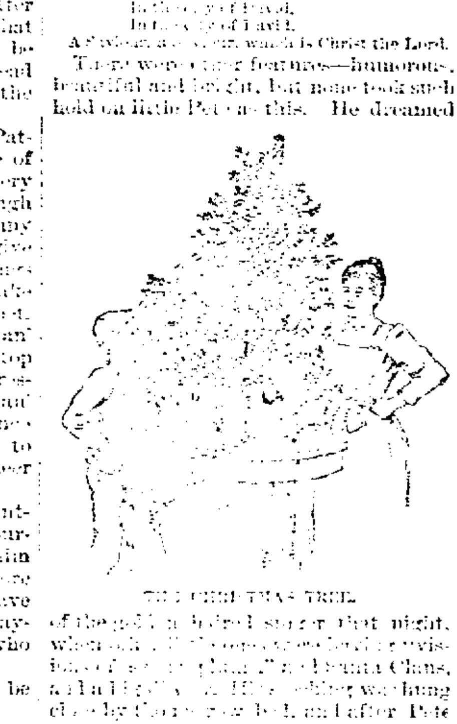
musical that it seemed to float all around the room. This is what they heard:

Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

The song repeated itself as the music changed [illegible] the boys heard:

[illegible] this day
In the city of David,
In the city of David,
A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

There were other features—humorous, beautiful and bright, but none took such hold on little Pete as this. He dreamed



THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

of the golden haired singer that night, when [illegible] Santa Claus, [illegible] was hung [illegible] Patsey had filled it [illegible] candy, and an orange or two.

The tree [illegible] ready, and there was hardly a boy who had not contributed [illegible] This was the [illegible] Patsey knew [illegible] Christmas. One [illegible] Another [illegible] which had long [illegible] possessions, and [illegible] Pete [illegible] pistol [illegible] Fourth of July [illegible] apples and [illegible] candy, a penny [illegible] things too [illegible] A brass [illegible] small tree was a [illegible] wax candle [illegible]

[illegible] early [illegible] a dive for [illegible] light as [illegible] candy over [illegible]

[illegible] Patsey, [illegible] all for me [illegible] [illegible] morning [illegible]

[illegible] Pete [illegible] what [illegible]

[illegible] that's what [illegible] with a [illegible] but every one ever knows such decorations at Christmas," said Mrs. Brown.

When all the [illegible] charge of [illegible] for a while.

"Does you know where the City of David is?" [illegible]

Mrs. Brown was [illegible] she gave [illegible] was a [illegible] find the place [illegible] the girl [illegible] about it, and so it must be very nice.

When Patsey came back [illegible] boys. [illegible]"

Patsey's astonishment was nearly as great as Pete's, for he thought the small tree would not [illegible] much on it. There it was, well [illegible], and as Mrs. Brown gave Pete [illegible] donor was. Both boys were wild with delight, [illegible] the tree was bare, they [illegible] a place to put the treasures in, and started out, Pete with his red mittens on proud hands, to the "resty-rant."

"Patsey, do you know where the city of David is?" asked Pete, as they walked gayly along.

"Now, Pete, what makes yer talk so silly? No, I don't, an', what's more, I don't want ter," said Patsey decidedly. "This city suits me well enough."

"Didn't ye hear 'bout it las' night, Patsey, when the angel were singin'?"

"That were a girl, Pete, but she did look like a angel, sure 'nough. I don't remember the city of David, though."

Pete trudged on with a sigh. He was used to having his questions remain unanswered. After a good dinner the boys started back to the home, but as they neared the place a group of Patsey's chums came up and asked him to join them in some fun they had planned. The home was a block or so away, and Pete said he could go the rest of the way alone, so Patsey left him and went with the boys. The little fellow trotted on, looking so happy in spite of his worn clothes and cheap, clumsy shoes that many whom he met smiled at him.

A fragment of that beautiful song again sounded in his ears. The city of David! He would find it himself, Pete thought, and though it was but a step further to the home he turned and went up another street, resolved to ask a policeman. None appeared, and he walked on and on, thinking that perhaps the city he sought was next to his own city, and if he could only get outside of that great place he could find what he sought. More and more tired grew the little feet, and at last, frightened and chilled, he stumbled on a crossing just as a dashing team driven by one of four young men in the carriage behind came around the corner. It struck the child and threw him to one side, the carriage never stopping.

There was a rush of bystanders for the little figure, and when picked up Pete was very limp and weak, but conscious, and he begged them to take him to the home. Of course this could not be done, and Pete was carried in an ambulance to the nearest hospital, after which word was sent to Mrs. Brown. It did not take her and Patsey long to find their way to the place where Pete lay, and she mourned over the sick child as if he were one of her own. Patsey's grief when he saw Pete lying in the hospital cot knew no bounds, and he remorsefully blamed himself for leaving his brother alone, but the boy tried to console him by saying: "I ain't hurted much, Patsey. Don't ye mind."

"What fur did ye go off, Pete?" asked Patsey.

"I wanted to find the city as the little girl sung about," said Pete. "Nobody telled me, so I thought maybe I'd find it meself."

When they told him he was [illegible] didn't mind being left without them. They went to visit him as often as the rules allowed, and each time he said "Better" when asked how he felt. He complained of no pain, but simply wished to be quiet. The nurses brought all sorts of nice things to him, and these attentions were consoling to Patsey as well as to the sick boy.

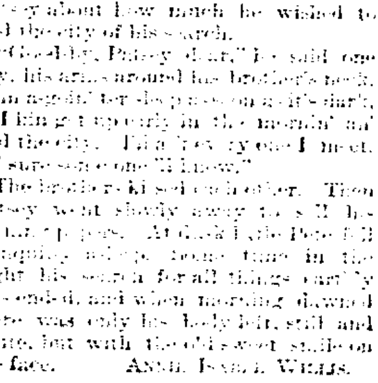
For days he lay in bed, growing more and more feeble, but often talking to Patsey about how much he wished to find the city of his search.

"Good-by, Patsey dear," he said one day, his arms around his brother's neck. "I'm agoin' ter sleep now, an' it's dark, so I kin get up early in the mornin' an' find the city. [illegible] every one I meet, an' sure some one'll know."

The brothers kissed each other. Then Patsey went slowly away to sell his evening papers. At dusk little Pete fell tranquilly asleep. Some time in the night his search for all things earthly was ended, and when morning dawned there was only his body left, still and white, but with the old sweet smile on the face.

ANNIE ISABEL WILLIS.

Not Up to the Standard.



Mr. D[illegible]—I want something [illegible] Christmas [illegible]

[illegible] enough.

WONDER WHAT I'M GOING TO GET.

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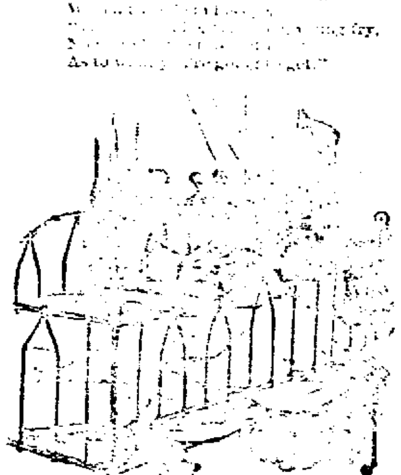
Don't [illegible]
[illegible]
"Wonder what [illegible]"

[illegible]
As to what [illegible] going to get."



Up the chimney quick he goes,
Scarcely [illegible]
Yet [illegible]
As he [illegible] good by
And [illegible] say
[illegible] vanishes away,
Say with [illegible]
"Wonder what I'm going to get!"

TOM MASSON.

A CHRISTMAS EVE IN IRELAND.

Christmas eve in the mountains of Ballycolman, in the County Cork, Ireland. A blazing turf fire on the hearthstone. In the chimney corner sat Daniel Donovan, 70 years old, who could talk nothing but Gaelic. He was twisting a little wooden wheel which connected by a passage under the hearthstone with the middle of the fire, which flickered and flared as the current of air swept through. Next to the old man sat Biddy, aged 20, with her hair brushed smoothly back from her forehead and [illegible] head. [illegible] Chinaman. Sandwiched between Mrs. Donovan and Mary sat the American visitor. The old woman was [illegible] and crooning, and a little [illegible] ripe peach [illegible] knee.

The [illegible] the little [illegible] wind came down the wide mental chimney. The [illegible] of peace and [illegible] no one spoke. Then Mrs. Donovan said:

"And maybe the Yankee gentleman 'll sing us a [illegible]."

He would indeed have been an ungrateful [illegible] refuse such a request [illegible] at once so [illegible]. And in that [illegible] some of the [illegible] come into his voice as he [illegible] the harp that once [illegible] the soul [illegible] in Tara's halls, and [illegible] the story of how two eyes [illegible] Pat Malloy. [illegible] rapt wonder [illegible] the face of his [illegible] the body [illegible] Mollie [illegible] Tay [illegible] Before [illegible] great [illegible] the tones of his voice [illegible] down the echoing nave, but never had he felt the sweetness [illegible] that Christmas [illegible] in the mountains. And when he had finished [illegible] Mrs. Donovan [illegible]

"Sure the gentleman will sing us a [illegible] home?"

[illegible] "Me at Home?" [illegible] "To know at [illegible] The memory of his own home in [illegible] America came to him. What was the [illegible] doing? Did the children have the usual Christmas tree? Was everybody in good health? [illegible]

[illegible]

THE OTHER EXTREME.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] on the head,
[illegible]

HER MERRY CHRISTMAS.

S[illegible] Rivington street crying [illegible] was hungry, and it [illegible] hungry [illegible] it was for the [illegible] Rivington [illegible] but she had [illegible] The other children had always been more or less hungry and they had never had a Christmas tree. [illegible] her poor bare feet along on the icy sidewalk. Snow had frozen on what was left of the uppers of her shoes. Her hands were very cold, but she did not mind the cold so much as she did the hunger, nor the hunger so much as the loneliness, the absence of the Christmas tree and the daddy and mam to jump her up and down and watch the sparkle in her eyes as she saw their poor little presents. They had not been a very [illegible] daddy and mam to other people; daddy had been a hod carrier and mam used to take in washing. But they had been all she had—everything!

A comfortably dressed stout woman stopped her. The woman was probably a shopkeeper's wife, and had a heart more or less kind. She had intended to give the girl something to eat and perhaps some money; but she asked her if she was a good girl and gave her some advice first of all. This made the girl angry, and she answered her saucily. The comfortable woman turned away with a comfortable expression of horror on her face, and turned back into her comfortable doorway. The girl passed on, lonelier, hungrier, colder than before.

Midnight came. She had lost consciousness of details—her loneliness, her hunger, her shivering had ceased to impress her. She knew only that she was miserable. But still she walked.

At 2 o'clock on Christmas morning she had to stop walking, however. She was on a deserted East river dock, and she laid down where an eddy of wind had left a soft bed of snow—left it for her perhaps, and the wind gave its gift without giving any advice first.

Her eyes closed. Her shivers ceased. She lay very still. She was asleep. She did not move again until a red ray from the crisp winter sunrise touched her face.

Then she sat up and gazed solemnly at the sunrise for a moment. Slowly her expression became a happy one. She really looked almost like a pretty child. She raised her arms and held them out toward the glow. Her lips moved.

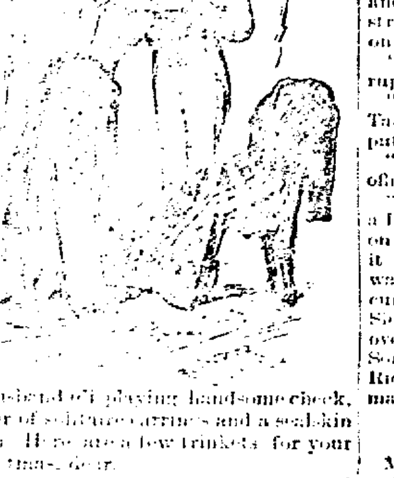
"Daddy! Mam!" she said.

Then she dropped back into the bed given by the wind.

The girl had a merry Christmas after all.

EDWARD MARSHALL.

The Next Thing in Order.



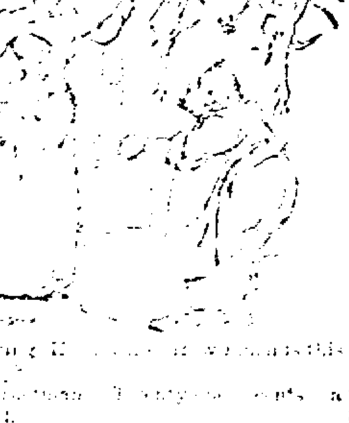
Husband—I'm playing handsome check, a pair of solitaire earrings and a sealskin robe. Here are a few trinkets for your Christmas, dear.

Wife—Oh, you darling old thing! I could just—um, um—love you to death. But say, dear, please answer me one question.

Husband—Certainly, darling.

Wife—Do tell me what you are going to give me next year?

A Question of Weight.



Young [illegible]

[illegible]

A PETERTOWN WEDDING.

Some Incidents of a Great Occasion Graphically Described.

Miss Maggie Peters (the bride)—Dear me! I'm all of a tremble, I'm so excited! I'd [illegible] glum away! How does [illegible] back? Pull out [illegible] It's the first time I ever wore one [illegible] the last! My! how my [illegible] flippity-flop, flop-[illegible] If Jim is scared as I am we'll act like two geese when we stand up! Has he come yet? Lordy, how [illegible] How do I look anyhow! [illegible] scared to death to act decent! Who all is down stairs? I should think all [illegible] was there from the noise they make. Only five minutes until we must go down! If I should tumble over in a faint! Tell Jim to come on! I'm ready.

Mr. Jim Beau (the bridegroom)—Golly, Mag, you look prettier'n a red wagon! My! oh! how fine we are!

Mag—Shut up, you [illegible]

Jim—I won't! I've a notion to kiss you, you look so sweet.

Mag—You shan't do anything of the sort, and mess my hair and veil all up—you big gump! My! I'm most scared to death!

Jim—What you scared of?

Mag—Oh! I hate so to go down 'fore ev'rybody an' have 'em all a-gawping at us.

Jim—Pshaw! Don't I care for their gawpin'! I'm too all fired happy to care for anything! I feel like standing on my head and yelling "glory!"

Mag—Oh, you dunce! There! The clock's striking. We must go down. Tee, hee, hee! Stop squeezing my hand so, Jim! You'll bust these awful tight gloves. I'm so scared! Hee, hee, hee!

THE CONGRATULATIONS.

"Wish you joy, Mr. and Mrs. Beau!"

"Tee, hee, hee!"

"Many happy returns of the day!"

"Thanks—hee, hee!"

"Oh, Mag! You look just lovely!"

"Ha, Jim! Ha, Mag! Hope you'll be ever and ever so happy!"

"Make Jim build the fires, Mag!"

"Tee, hee, hee! Hee, hee!"

"Well, Maggie, you and Jimmy air goin' tew try double harness, be ye? He, ha, haw! Wish ye joy!"

"La, thank ye!"

"Oh, Mag, hee, hee! I'm so glad—hee—hee—for you! Hee, hee! Ev'rything went off beautiful! Tee, hee, hee! And O—Mag—(whispers hysterically to bride)—Hee, hee, hee!

"Tee, hee, hee! ha 'Tildy! Hee, hee, hee!"

OVER THE PRESENTS.

"Just look at this log cabin quilt! Ain't it lovely? It's from her grandma!"

"And see these piller cases, all tucks and inserting and ruffles. There's a sight of work on 'em!"

"What did Jim give her?"

"He gave her a side saddle and a big picture of himself all framed, and a nice dress pattern with all the linings and trimmings."

"My! he's gen'rous. She gave him that lovely hair wreath. It's made out of the hair of all his folks and hers. Ain't it a beauty?"

"See these socks—six pairs of 'em from his Aunt Jane, and she knit 'em all herself."

"Her mother gave her them blankets and a good feather bed and a whole set of chany."

"Ain't that tidy sweet pretty?"

"Her Aunt Marier sent that glass sass dish."

"His father gave 'em two dozen chickens and a splendid Jersey cow and a ten dollar bill."

"The land!"

"Ain't that pincushion a beauty?"

"And see that beautiful hand painted satin banner! His aunt painted it. She's a genius, I tell ye! Ain't them canary birds lovely on it?"

"I thought they was meant for pigeons, but they're purty, anyhow. What a sight of presents they've got!"

"Yes—and all so nice."

"Yes."

"I tell ye they're lucky."

"Yes."—Drake's Magazine.

It Has Caught On.

The officer had interfered and broken up a row among a lot of boys in Essex street, and he then called to one and said:

"Now, then, tell me what this ruction was about."

"Well," replied the boy, "me and Wounded Knee was coming along here, and we met Man-Afraid-of-His-Horse. He struck us for ten cents. Just then Man-on-a-Buffalo came up and give us"——

"What on earth do you mean?" interrupted the officer.

"And then Mud-on-His-Back, Man-Who-Talks and Fire-on-a-Hill cum along and put in their gab, and"——

"Who are all these boys?" demanded the officer in great astonishment.

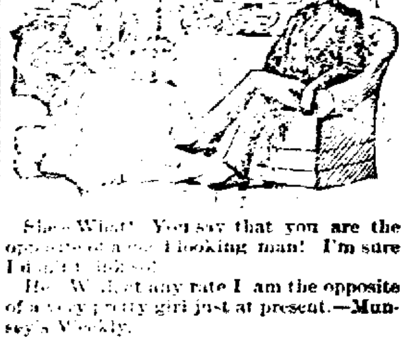
"And the first thing I knew Walk-Down-a-Hill he hauled off and hit White Crow on de chin, and den Little Antelope he guv it to Bear-in-the-Night on the eye, and we was retreating to the Rosebud when you cum up and skeert the life out of every Sioux and Cheyenne in the pack. It's all over now, and me'n Horse-Who-Limps and Sore-on-His-Nose is going up to Pine Ridge agency to train for a wrestling match."—New York Sun.

A Terrible Disappointment.

Mother—Why, my dear, what's the matter? Something has happened at Mrs. De Music's party, I know. Tell me all about it, my child.

Daughter—Boo hoo! Mrs. De Music asked me to play, and—and when I told her I was out of practice she said she was "so sorry," and didn't ask me again, boo-hoo-hoo!—Good News.

Pleasant All Round.



She—What! You say that you are the opposite of a [illegible] looking man! I'm sure I [illegible]

He—Well, at any rate I am the opposite of a very pretty girl just at present.—Munsey's Weekly.

Love's Young Dream.

Little Girl (at school)—What did the teacher send you here for?

Little Boy—She said I was bad, and must come over and sit with the girls.

"I like you. Can you stay long?"

"Guess not. I wasn't very bad."

"Well, you be badder next time."—Street & Smith's Good News.

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NO PAPER TOMORROW

The STAR has not missed a publication day this year, working every holiday to supply the daily grist of news; but Christmas, the most observed of all holidays, will be observed by the STAR force. The workers desire a day off, so no STAR will be issued tomorrow.

THERE should be plenty of room for old Santa Claus to-night—the big chimney should be left open. If the old fellow's packages become too few before the poor are reached the much-looked-for old saint should be given a lift. There should be no disappointed hearts where a little human liberality will prevent it. Christmas and selfishness are strangers in reality.

THE amicable adjustment of the trouble between Mr. LaTourette and the Marion M'f'g Co. is a pleasant bit of Christmas news. The company has been considerably annoyed without doing anybody any good, so we shall now hope for it to move along satisfactorly to a big business and gratifying dividends.

IT may be remarked that the weather predictions for this season so far have been decided failures. Some one should send the prophets almanacs for Christmas. The good old almanac gets there, with incidental references to medicine that cures all.

THE Irish problem is as unsolved as ever. Mr. Parnell's candidate was defeated, but the victory was costly, and he refuses to be wiped out. Mr. Parnell is made of stern material, and his career is not losing in interest.

THE mail carriers looked about as much like Santa Claus today as anybody can without the familiar false faces. They were ladened with Christmas packages.

THE STAR wishes all its readers a truly merry Christmas, one with all the enjoyment the great holiday affords.

OF course it is more blessed to give than to receive, but there is no especial objection to receiving.

Scaffolding Gives Way.

SALAMANCA, N. Y., Dec. 24.—While workmen were raising up a heavy iron truss at the round-house here yesterday it overbalanced and fell, carrying the scaffolding with it. Four men were badly hurt. Albert Lent, of Salamanca, had his right leg crushed above the knee, causing the bone to protrude through the flesh; George Light, also of this place, was hurt about the back and hips; James Welch, of Buffalo, was cut and bruised seriously, and Thomas Clancy, of Buffalo, is internally injured. Lent will have his leg amputated at the hip, and his injuries are so severe that he is not expected to recover.

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The First Step.

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A FEAT IN FASTING

A Woman of Seventy Who Has Lived on Milk and Tea for Four Months.

MARTIN'S FERRY, O., Dec. 24. Martin's Ferry has an Irish woman who has accomplished something that Signor Succi cannot do. Her name is Mrs. Timothy Callahan, 70 years old, and she has lived on milk and tea for four months or 120 days. Her son Dennis says that for seven years before he was married he never saw his mother eat a single bite of bread, and she would not eat over two pieces in two weeks.

This is not on account of poverty, but stomach troubles. Mrs. Callahan has reared several children, all healthy, has not a gray hair in her head, and, strange to say, she is active, able to do housework every day and can walk farther than any member of the family. Her husband is an ironworker, and they reside on Bessemer street, in the Third ward.

As Near as He Comes to It.

Primus—Does he foot his wife's bills?
Secundus—I've seen him kick them.—Epoch.

AT CHRISTMAS TIDE.

PROGRAMS TO BE [illegible] DIFFERENT CHURCHES ABOUT [illegible].

Christmas Trees, Arches and Entertainments Galore—The Gladdening Time of All the Year to the Sunday School Children—Festivities, Sermons and Services in Observance of the Day of Days.

The citizens of Marion can well be proud of their fourteen churches, and the religious denominations which worship therein. All of these churches are in some way going to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The services at the different churches are about as follows:

PRESBYTERIAN.

The exercises at the Presbyterian church take place tonight. They are to be given by the infant class, consisting of recitations, songs and a performance of the well-known bell ringers of that class. The entertainment is to be followed by an elegant tree loaded down with a fine treat for the children.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

No public services are to be held by the Methodists, as they have no satisfactory place, but the teachers of the different Sunday school classes have treated their scholars in different ways, some presenting them with cards and others small sacks of candies.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL.

Sunday school, Christmas tree and carol service at 7 o'clock, Christmas eve. Christmas morning, services in the church, with celebration of the Holy Communion, beginning at 10 o'clock.

FREE BAPTIST.

An entertainment consisting of recitations, songs and a large arch is to be given by this church Thursday evening. This church will be handsomely decorated. They will treat their Sunday school scholars, too.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

This denomination has prepared perhaps the most elaborate program, to be given Christmas night, that will be given in the city. It consists of recitations and songs and will be followed by the presentation of some slight token in remembrance of the birth of Christ.

GERMAN M. E.

This church will celebrate the occasion by an ordinary Christmas entertainment to be followed by the distribution of gifts from two large trees. Their entertainment is to be given Thursday night.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT.

The German Evangelicals have prepared an entertainment to take place this evening, consisting of the ordinary exercises, and they will also distribute gifts from a large tree.

ENGLISH LUTHERAN.

The English Lutheran give their treat to the children Thursday night. They have a large arch to distribute gifts from and will also have the usual program given on such occasions.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

An entertainment will be given at this church tonight at 7:30. They have a large tree to distribute gifts from, and a program of excellent recitations.

AFRICAN M. E.

The colored people are holding a fair tonight and will distribute gifts from a tree Thursday night. Their fair began Tuesday night and was a success.

EVANGELICAL.

A Christmas sermon will be preached at the Evangelical church Christmas morning, after which presents will be given the children.

AT ST. MARY'S.

Solemn High Mass will be held Christmas morning at 6 o'clock, and other masses will be observed at 7 and 10 o'clock the same morning. Vespers and the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held immediately after late mass. This church will also celebrate the circumcision of our Lord on New Year's day.

GERMAN REFORMED.

Entertainment tonight, distribution of presents and something new in the way of a program. The exercises will begin at 7:30 sharp.

U. B. CHURCH.

The same boat, that has floated in for several years, loaded with presents, will land at the U. B. tonight with an unusual heavy cargo of presents. An entertainment is also to be given.

A Peculiar Law.

[illegible]

"I could never understand," said a well known attorney, "why it is that the statute requires that the woman must be a resident of the county in an application for a marriage license. Although the man may be a resident of Cincinnati, if the woman is a nonresident they can't be married there, even if they intend to make this city their home in the future. As I said, I can't understand the policy of the law in this matter and I don't believe there is another state in the [illegible] that has such a law.

A Mystery Explained.

[illegible]

The German [illegible] on Mondays [illegible] as to enable [illegible] staff. [illegible] among [illegible] increased

[illegible] BREVITIES.

St. L[illegible] station to cost $[illegible]

It is [illegible] to travel from St. Louis to the City of Mexico in six days without [illegible]

[illegible] of the entire Nickel Plate [illegible] year were $[illegible] net earnings, $[illegible]

The first [illegible] upon the first cable railroad system was made Aug. 1, 1873; today there are [illegible] cable railroads in the United States.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad proposes to expend $1,[illegible] in getting the Chesapeake and Ohio canal ready for operation again.

The great tunnel of the Ontario and Western railroad between Sidney and Walton is nearly completed. The estimated cost of the work is $[illegible]

A recent invention is placed in the cabs of locomotives. It automatically records the length of all stops, time of starting and other incidents of each trip.

An engine which recently went through a bridge near San Antonio, Tex., had been through seven previous wrecks. It will be repaired and again placed in service.

S. M. Felton, Jr., the newly elected president of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia railroad, is only 37 years old. He has been in the railroad business since 1865.

Elbert E. Jaycox, of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, who has been selected as traffic manager of the world's fair is 41 years old. He will receive $5,000 a year until May 1 and $10,000 a year thereafter.

It is reported on good authority that the Toledo, Ann Arbor and North Michigan Railroad company will construct several hundred miles of new railroads in northern Michigan during the coming summer.

Mr. A. V. Carpenter, who recently retired from the position of general passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, had held the position since 1865, and had been in the railroad business forty-one years.

Charles Watts, of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad, says that a special train on the road recently ran fifty three miles in forty-five minutes, eleven miles being made in seven minutes—an average speed of ninety-four miles an hour.

The Michigan Central company now has the largest locomotive in the world. It has six drivers, each 6 feet 2 inches in diameter, and is so constructed that it is a great fuel saver, while capable of hauling heavy trains and making great speed. It weighs about 180,000 pounds.

The first electric railway in Sweden has been completed. It is situated at the Boxholm iron foundry, and works capitally. The whole installation has only cost £750, of which the locomotive absorbed £300. It is worked through dynamos already in use for the electric light, which accounts for the cheapness.

DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

Miss Oral Item Caldwell is local reporter of The Beloit (Kan.) Courier.

Mrs. Bottome, the president of the King's Daughters, has become the editor of a department in The Ladies' Home Journal.

Miss Laura Burns, of Martinsville, Ind., has a head of natural hair seven feet in length. Miss Burns herself is only 5 feet 3 inches tall.

Fanny Kemble (now Mrs. Butler) is living with her daughter, Mrs. Leigh, in Surrey, England. She is in her 82d year and in feeble health.

Mrs. William Astor possesses a gold dinner service that is the most costly in the United States. It is valued at $50,000, and is the envy of every woman who has ever seen it.

Mrs. H. E. Houghton is a Wisconsin woman who went to Spokane Falls six years ago with $100 and has since increased the moderate sum to $500,000 in real estate speculations.

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, wife of the Standard Oil millionaire, is her own housekeeper, and she keeps a set of books in which she accounts for every cent spent on the household.

Miss Marianne North, the famous botanist, traveler and artist, who died recently, lost her life in the cause of science, as the illness of which she died was contracted during her last journey to South America.

Miss Nettie McDowell, Henry Clay's great-granddaughter, is said to have a strong resemblance in mind and in person to her distinguished great grandfather. She has a strong intellectual face and fine eyes.

Miss Sabry Seamans, of Factoryville, Pa., 70 years of age, does her own domestic work, keeps a large hennery, takes care of her garden, weaves hundreds of yards of rag carpet every year and works out her road tax with shovel, hoe and wheelbarrow.

Mrs. Marshall O. Roberts, who lives now in Spencer house, London, is said to receive as many offers of marriage as any widow in the British metropolis. She has the entire income of the $[illegible] estate, now very much increased, left by her husband.

Mrs. Belle Wooster Higgins, of Sullivan, Me., who has been almost constantly at sea for [illegible] years, and has sailed to [illegible] part of the globe, is said to [illegible] sufficient skill and knowledge to command a vessel and sail her to any port in the world.

WHAT METALS COST.

The price of iron is about 2 cents per pound.

[illegible] costs on an average about 5½ cents per pound.

Lead can generally be purchased for about [illegible] cents per pound.

[illegible] will average [illegible] a pound.

[illegible] can be bought at an average [illegible] cents for the pound.

[illegible] per pound that [illegible] 24 cents.

[illegible] has been used as [illegible] at 32 cents.

[illegible] which is a very light, white [illegible] at the rate of about [illegible]

[illegible] hard and difficult [illegible] at 57 cents [illegible]

[illegible] States, is generally [illegible]

[illegible] yellow gold is [illegible] pound [illegible]

[illegible] the least expansible [illegible] a price which [illegible] the neighborhood of [illegible]

The Astor Residences.

When the present Astor [illegible] historic [illegible] plate remains [illegible] At present he lives in a modest [illegible] under the shadow of the [illegible] sion which he has torn down [illegible] was not the sort of house that [illegible] please a man of taste of today [illegible] nothing but its size to recommend it. It is the custom of every Astor to build a new house upon coming into the family millions. The original John Jacob [illegible] opposite our postoffice, his son lived in Washington square and the [illegible] Jacob lived in the house now just torn down. The regular procession uptown should take the present Astor up to the park and his son to Harlem.

A peculiarity of the Astor investments is that these Astor mansions have always been built upon property which when bought was away out of town. The Astor estate now holds several blocks of lots on the Riverside drive, the superb avenue which runs along the bluff on the edge of the Hudson river from Seventy-second street to Harlem. This line will unquestionably be some day the finest place for dwellings in the country, and it would not be surprising if the present Astor were to settle there himself. The view from anywhere along the drive takes in miles and miles of the noble Hudson. Foreigners say that there is nothing in Europe so superbly situated as our Riverside drive, yet because it is a mile away from the fashionable thoroughfare it is deserted.—New York Cor. Charleston News.

Cheap Incandescent Lamps.

It is reported that an English chemist has discovered a practical substitute for plantinum in the manufacture of incandescent lamps. If this be true, and the rumor is said by a reliable electrical journal to have substantial foundation, it is a discovery of great importance. At its present price plantinum forms one of the most expensive items in the manufacture of the incandescent lamp. In each sixteen candle power lamp there are from four to eight grains of plantinum.

Assuming an average of six grains per lamp, an ounce will be sufficient for eighty lamps. The demand for sixteen candle power lamps for 1891, based upon reliable data, will be 10,000,000 sixteen candle power lamps, which would give a demand for 125,000 ounces of platinum, which at present price ($14 to $17 per ounce) would amount to about $2,000,000. The probable income from these lamps will not amount to more than $6,000,000, while the cost of one item alone is one-third the total income. Hence it will be seen that a bona fide substitute for the platinum wire ought to mean a fortune for its discoverer.—New York Telegram.

Feared Being Buried Alive.

Abner L. Dunn, a veteran of the civil war, was buried at Burlington, Ia., the other day. He died several days ago at the age of 56, but in accordance with the request he had made the interment was deferred as long as possible. This was the second time Dunn had died, to all appearances. Several years ago, after a peculiar illness, the doctors pronounced him dead, and his body was placed in a casket. Shortly before the coffin was lowered into the grave Dunn showed signs of life, and in a few days was well and strong. The story of his experience was thrilling. He claimed that he was conscious of what was going on about him; understood the conversation; could even see the faces of his family as they bent over him; but could not speak or move. Afterward he had a dread of being buried alive, and it was for this reason that he made the request for delay.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mr. Moore and His Island.

William J. Moore, a brick mason and contractor, has just received title from the West Jersey board of proprietors to an island which he discovered was without an owner. He values his find at $5,000.

The island is located in the thoroughfare, a stream of water that divides Atlantic City from the mainland, midway between the railroad bridge and the new found fishing grounds. It contains a trifle over fourteen acres. The title, which he now holds by virtue of having located the land and filed a survey with the board of proprietors, is transmitted from the estate of William Morris Cooper.

The cost of establishing his claim to this valuable piece of land was less than $150.—Cor. Philadelphia Press.

Hiccoughs Extraordinary.

An inhabitant of Meriden, aged 45, a coach painter by trade, has had an attack of hiccough, the like of which has never been known. It lasted without interruption twelve days and nine hours. The doctors consider it very extraordinary that the man has survived, as in the opinion of Hippocrates—disputed by Galen, but generally accepted by the medical profession—no person can have the hiccough for nine days in succession without giving up the ghost with his last hiccough on the ninth day.—El Bilbaino.

A Peculiar Natural Phenomenon.

A [illegible] occurred Monday [illegible] upper part of the city. At [illegible] the almost perfectly clear atmosphere [illegible] like fog, which [illegible] very [illegible] in a distinct [illegible] storm. The [illegible] was rapid and [illegible] of vapor [illegible] the earth at the same instant. [illegible] Albany Argus.

The Story [illegible] Tin Box.

[illegible] Philadelphia Ledger.

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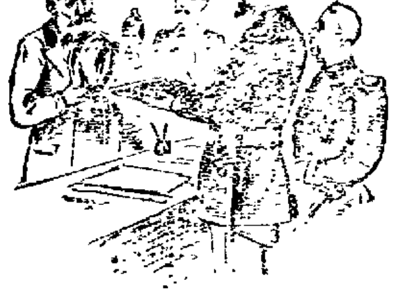

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—Turney's Time.

—Miss Daisy Harding will spend the holidays with friends at Columbus.

—Miss Hattie Powell, of Lima, O., was the guest of Mrs. Rev. Wallace to-day.

—The county commissioners were in session to-day, making some ditch findings.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cisco Beckly are the proud parents of a baby girl, born this morning.

—Miss Clara Yale, of Centerville, is spending the holiday season with Marion friends.

—Mrs. O'Brien and children, of Lima, are the guests of T. Fahey during the holidays.

—Mrs. J. C. Johnston has gone to VanWert to spend Christmas with O. W. Johnston and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Christian and daughter Mildred will spend Xmas with John M. Garberson, near Caledonia.

—Miss Lizzie Saviers and Clara Louisa Wiggins, of Shelby, will be the guests of Miss Clara Louisa Johnston Christmas.

—Mason Bros., the tile manufacturers, closed out the last of fifty kilns of tile to-day, the result of their operations during the nine months last past.

—Misses Lida and Florence Lewellyn leave to-morrow to visit friends in Leavittsburg, also to take part in a Christmas entertainment there to-morrow evening.

—George Schweinfurth knows what a proper Christmas present is. He ordered the Weekly STAR to his son Frank, who is engaged in a confectionery establishment in Chicago.

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—Harry J. Fisher, who has been attending school at Andover, Mass., is at home for the holidays.

—Hilton Diegle is up from the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware to remain during the vacation.

—Mrs. Benner Merchant's condition is reported to be very serious again. The little boy is much better.

—Herman Rhu is home from the Western Reserve University to spend the holidays with his parents.

—C. and E. Conductor Frank Arrowsmith is reported seriously sick at his boarding house on Mill street.

—Mrs L. M. French and Miss Alice Crow have gone to Lima to spend Christmas with Mrs. French's son and family.

—A couple previous Christmas drunks were locked up Tuesday night, but were discharged when they regained consciousness.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Allen will spend Christmas with their sons and families at Paulding. Tracy will also spend the holiday vacation there.

—Lieut. Harry Dombaugh, of the Navy, came in Tuesday to spend the holidays with parents and many admiring friends. Lieut. Dombaugh is stationed on the U. S. Torpedo ship, Vesuvius.

—F. L. Johnston has purchased two fine new hacks, from a Philadelphia firm, to be used exclusively for parties and funerals. They are said to be finer than any that have ever been used in this city.

—Will Johnston, one of the props. at Music Hall, had his hand injured by a nail in the curtain Tuesday evening. The flesh between the thumb and index finger was cut open quite painfully, requiring a couple of stitches to sew it up.

—Grant Holmes, the man who received a broken leg at the Steam Shovel shops Monday, is developing a case of pneumonia, the result of a cold received after he was hurt, that promises to be quite serious. He was very sick Tuesday night.

—Miss Flora L. Devore is agent for the best typewriter made, and will furnish any person one for $100. There is one of these machines in operation at the court house in the county Auditor's office. Address, Miss Flora L. Devore, Adelaide, O.

—Huntington Democrat: Charles Krause, a C. and E. brakeman, had the misfortune to lose seventy-nine dollars a few days ago which he had just drawn from the pay car. It worked its way out of his pocket while he was on the road. He feels the loss very severely

—The cases of John P. Ruth against the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co. and Jacob Keiler against Mary J. Hardy and others were heard in common pleas court this week, but no decisions have been rendered. Court is in session today, but will adjourn for Christmas.

—S. G. Stewart, the genial, general, all-round hustler of the Huber Manufacturing Co., returned from a long and prosperous trip to Pennsylvania Tuesday. He reports a good trade and good prospects. Mr. S. was in the recent great snow storm, but suffered no considerable inconvenience.

—James Reilly in "The Broommaker" did not draw well at Music Hall Tuesday evening, and there were many disappointed ones among the audience. Mr. Reilly in the title role was well received and was especially pleasing in his songs, but his support was not up to the average, while the two villains should have been disposed of earlier in the performance.

—George Schweinfurth received today a large specimen cake of ice from the Dayton Ice Manufacturing and Storage company. Frozen into the crystalline substance is a handsome boquet of flowers, surrounded by luscious fruits, such as apples, lemons, grapes and bananas. Mr. Schweinfurth has placed the present in his window, and it is much admired

—The Marion Institute of Accounts will be opened by the author of Methods New and Old in Book-keeping and Business Guide, in the Fisher Block, Monday, January 5th. Instruction will be given in book-keeping, rapid calculation and business writing. The author, P. F. Wilkinson, was formerly president of the Columbus Business College. He will be at Hotel Marion on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 2d and 3d, to requested students.

—J. C. Johnston has received a letter from Marvin Kuhns, the outlaw, in reply to an inquiry in regard to a horse trading transaction in which Mr. Johnston is interested professionally. The outlaw replied that the transaction was not square. Mr. Johnston was acquainted with both Kuhns and his victim Campeau under their aliases, and conducted a case in which they were interested a few days before the death of Campeau at Fostoria.

Notice to Stockholders.

MARION, O., Dec. 19th, 1890.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Marion Steam Shovel company, for the election of officers, and transaction of such other business as may properly be presented, will be held at the office of the company in Bennett Building, Marion, O., on Monday the 5th day of January, 1891, at 2 30 p. m.

25aas15 J. L. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

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AMICABLY SETTLED

The Damage Cases Filed Against A. La-Tourrette Have Been Adjusted Without Going to Trial.

The damage suits filed in common pleas court some time since by members and employes of the Marion Manufacturing company against Abram LaTourrette have been amicably adjusted. It will be remembered that there were three separate cases filed, those of J. W. Stringer, R. T. Parkinson and Miss Lulu Barger, stenographer in the employe of the company, all of which were brought about by allegations and insinuations contained in Mr. LaTourette's periodical pamphlet publications.

The cases were withdrawn Tuesday by an arrangement whereby defendant agreed to pay all costs in the cases and attorney fees, and they were taken out of court as they went in. In Miss Barger's case defendant signed a retraction in her favor, whereby she is relieved from any intimations of unbecoming conduct. Another feature of the agreement was the disposition of Mr. LaTourette's stock of $6,000, which was purchased by John T. Neilson, whereby all defendant's connections with the company have been severed. The settlement appears to be a gratifying termination of the annoying affair all around.

"A Buckeye Ballad."

The above is the title of an elegant Christmas souvenir issued by the passenger department of the C. H. V. and T. railroad. Besides being a work of art and beauty the souvenir contains literary merit, containing a poem written by the Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley, at the request of Passenger Agent Fisher, and is a splendid example of Mr. Riley's inimitable style. A brief write-up of the selection of the soubriquet, "The Buckeye Route," and the incidents connected with the purchase of a million buckeyes for advertising purposes form the basis for the illustrations of the souvenir, attached to which, by a brown ribbon, is a buckkeye on which is gilded the legend, "Buckeye Route." Mr. Fisher has copyrighted this happy conception, and copies can be received on receipt of ten cents by the passenger department of the road. Mr. Fisher has succeeded in making the soubriquet of the Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo road one of the best in this and adjoining states.

Alliance Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Marion County Farmers' Alliance, at the probate court room, Marion, O., on Saturday, December 27th, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing the officers for the ensuing term and to transact such other business as may be deemed necessary for the good of the order. A full attendance of all the delegates of the various subordinate alliances in the county is desired.

WILSON IMBODY, Pres.
G. E. LAWRENCE, Sec.

Notice to Stockholders.

MARION, O., Dec. 19th, 1890.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of stockholders of The Marion Malleable Iron Company, for the election of officers, and transaction of such other business as may properly be presented, will be held at the office of the company, Marion, O., on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1891, at 9 o'clock a. m. [was-15. J. L. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Huber Manufacturing company will be held on Monday, January 5th, 1891, at the office of the company, at 7 o'clock p m, for the election of a board of seven directors and for such other business as may come before the meeting

w.st4 E. HUBER, President
E. DURFEE, Secretary.

Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Marion Manufacturing Co. will be held at the office of the company, Monday, January 5th, 1891, at 7.30 p. m.

m,was J. W. STRINGER, Sec'y.

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NATIVE INDIAN POLICE.

THERE IS A REGIMENT OF THEM ARMED AND EQUIPPED.

An Indian in Uniform "Will Arrest His Own Grandmother if Ordered"—No [illegible] Gambling Among Indians—Reports of Various Indian Agents.

[Special Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2[illegible].—The [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] old Sitting Bull by the Indian police attached to [illegible] agency has called the attention of the public to the fact that Uncle Sam maintains on the western plains a large force of native Indian policemen, and that [illegible] officers are, many of them, brave, loyal and even heroic at times in the discharge of their duties. There are 770 of these police, seventy of them being officers and the remainder privates. The officers are graded as captains, lieutenants and sergeants, and all are furnished uniforms by the government. The privates are paid $10 a month and the officers $15, pay which Indian Commissioner Morgan and all the Indian agents who know well the services rendered by these men think very much too small. The uniform of the police is blue, much like that worn by privates in the army, and is adorned with gilt buttons and a metal badge on which is inscribed "U. S. Indian Police." Indian agents testify that the effect of donning one of these uniforms is almost like magic. The redskin at once appears like a new man. He seems to transfer his allegiance from the tribe of which he has been a member to the Great Father in whose service he has enlisted.

A DANDY COPPER OF THE INDIAN SQUAD.

Of course this Indian police force has not the discipline of a city force composed of white men, but it contains good material, and their loyalty and courage have never yet been found wanting. Indian police officers are very proud of their uniforms and of their buttons and badges, and among them there is many a dandy copper of the squad who knows how to make the most of his regimentals in impressing his manly beauty upon the dusky maidens of the agency or nearby Indian village. The Indian policeman is not required to show up in the morning at roll call, nor is he subjected to a civil service examination in the arts of his trade or anything else. He is simply hired, clothed with the dignity of uniform and badge, placed under the orders of the Indian agent, and told to come when sent for, and to do what he is told. He rarely fails. He will arrest his own grandmother if so ordered, and he is a terror to whisky sellers, intruders on reservations, horse thieves and gamblers. Many stories are told illustrative of the courage and pertinacity of these policemen of the plains, such as riding hundreds of miles into the bad country in pursuit of horse thieves, arresting drunken Indians while surrounded by scores of their friends as desperate as themselves, and [illegible] gangs of half breed gamblers and liquor peddlers in their dens.

The average Indian policeman is so proud of his calling that he devotes his whole time to it. The government provides him with a Colt or Remington six shooter, but no gun, blanket or horse. These the officer furnishes himself, and he keeps his horse at his own expense, drawing from the government simply his meager pay and the same rations which all of his tribe enjoy at the hands of the Great Father. The result of this pride on the part of the men is that nearly all of them are mounted, and many of them are well mounted, as fleeing horse thieves and other criminals, overhauled and brought to justice by men of their own tribes, know to their cost.

Naturally these Indian policemen are not all saints or models. It is one of the traditions of the frontier that the captain of a squad of Indian police can be "seen" and "fixed;" and this is true in some cases, but not in many, as the Indian agents who have charge of them, and others who have had an opportunity to watch them, readily testify. For these reasons, and as a matter of just payment for services rendered—services of surprising value considering the conditions—Mr. Morgan has asked congress to increase the pay of privates to $12 a month, of sergeants to $17, of lieutenants to $20 and of captains to $25.

The men who know most about the Indian police are the Indian agents who have them in charge, and while the agents naturally have a desire to put the best possible showing on their administrative work, their reports to the Indian office uniformly praise the policemen that one cannot but entertain a feeling of [illegible] for the loyalty and prowess of these [illegible] civilized minions of [illegible].

INDIAN POLICEMAN AFTER A THIEF.

The agent at Fort Berthold, Dak., says:

But one crime has been [illegible] agency during the past year [illegible] man stealing a horse from an Indian. He was arrested by the Indian police, the horse [illegible] and the offender brought to justice [illegible] [illegible] and do not shirk duty, no matter how unpleasant it may be.

The agent at [illegible] agency, Dak., says the Indians [illegible] the police, and [illegible] an Indian of [illegible] promptly. The [illegible] ted itself with much credit."

At Chickasaw agency, where there are [illegible]

AMERICAN MAGAZINES.

[illegible] EXTRAORDINARY [illegible] IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

[illegible] Living Periodicals—The [illegible] Illustrations—The Competition [illegible] A [illegible] from [illegible] Illustrations.

[illegible]

[illegible] Putnam's [illegible] contributors, Bayard Taylor, George William Curtis, Parke Godwin, Richard Grant White and Fred S. Cozzens, [illegible] contributed to its pages some of their best work. It lived four years—[illegible]—and was revived after the war, but was finally suspended in '69 for business reasons.

The pioneer of the present magazines is Harper's, still called a new monthly, because, perhaps, it is the oldest extant, its age being forty years. The progress of American magazines is shown in the marked difference between its early and recent numbers. The former were largely made up from the English periodicals, and the illustrations were crude and elementary. The recent issues contain very little from English sources, unless advance sheets of a trans-Atlantic novel. Until within a few years it did not print the names of authors with their articles, except where these had high reputation. Anonymity has gone entirely out of fashion in periodicals. Many editors cannot be induced now to publish an unsigned paper of any kind, which may be an objection to some. The letterpress of Harper's has advanced in the last decade nearly as much as the illustrations have, the publishers being anxious to secure the best for their purpose in literature and art. They still in [illegible] preserve the popular character of the monthly, and continue to make a feature of articles of travel and of serial stories. They seldom admit essays of [illegible] character, and do not lean towards the Browning school. Practical subjects in prose and verse are always preferred.

The editorial departments, intrusted to George William Curtis, William D. Howells, Charles Dudley Warner, are always [illegible]. Their general editor is Henry M. Alden, who has been there twenty years and is particularly competent to discharge the manifold duties of his position. Harper's circulation is enormous. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

It is cheaper than The Century or Harper's, being [illegible] twenty [illegible], and is illustrated, though less elaborately than they. It was not [illegible], and [illegible] the success of The Century, nor does the extraordinary success of The Century [illegible] with it. The remarkable prosperity of one periodical seems to create a [illegible] for more periodicals by increasing the public interest in them and the taste for reading them. Scribner's has introduced several attractions—a fresh lot of Thackeray's letters was one of these—and is generally an admirable caterer to its readers. Edward L. Burlingame, the editor, appears to be finely qualified for his place, which he fills and fits exactly. Scribner's [illegible] vary very little, if any, from those of the older city magazines, though they spend less on special features. A great many persons have thought that its entering the field against so formidable rivals was very rash, but its publishers say that they have far exceeded their anticipations. There has been no quarrel between The Century and Scribner's, but it is altogether probable that under the circumstances their love for one another is not illimitable.

The Cosmopolitan is another illustrated twenty-five cent monthly, which now claims a circulation of from 70,000 to 75,000, and to be steadily gaining. It was started at Rochester, in this state, five years ago, and removed hither, the publishers afterward failing. Since then it has passed through several hands, and is now owned and edited by John Brisben Walker, reputed to be wealthy, having made much money at Denver, Colo., in real estate. It publishes in each issue a complete novel, which occupies most of its space, and is said to be a taking feature. Its usual rate for contributions is [illegible] per thousand words.

A still newer magazine, not illustrated, is Belford's, three years old. Robert Belford, editor, has [illegible] a circulation, it is said, of 25,000, largely in the south. Many of its writers are new to the public, but they choose good [illegible] subjects and treat them well. A long story appears in each number, and is supposed to constitute its chief attraction.

Lippincott's, published by the J. B. Lippincott company, Philadelphia, originated the complete novel feature four or five years since, and its success has induced other monthlies to adopt it. Its contributors are many of them New Yorkers, with a [illegible] local representation, and they are paid liberally, as prices for literature go. The magazine, not illustrated, is twenty-two years old, and its actual circulation is [illegible]. Its present [illegible] is J. M. Stoddart [illegible] large increase is asserted. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] BROWNE.

Notes from New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. [illegible].—The mistresses of [illegible] New York [illegible] the matter of servant girls. [illegible]

THE LITERARY WORLD.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] AND [illegible]

An Evening.

[illegible]

—Boston Traveller

His Ideas Not Wanted.

[illegible] you want to be a journalist [illegible]. What are your qualifications?

[illegible] (with pardonable pride)—I [illegible] Harvard, and took a [illegible] at Yale.

[illegible] yes, both good colleges. [illegible] You must have a good [illegible] start in collecting [illegible] for our Connecticut edition.

Semper Paratus.

[illegible] Didn't you tell me yesterday [illegible] of the Prices came over [illegible]?

[illegible] the Genealogical society [illegible] Mayflower passengers, and I [illegible].

[illegible] he was a very distinguished [illegible], and always traveled incognito.—[illegible]

A Love Story.

[illegible] compare,
[illegible] sweet," thought he;
[illegible] firm and true,
[illegible]" mused she.

"[illegible] she were mine," he thought;
"[illegible] this man loved me!"
[illegible] and bowed and each
[illegible]
And [illegible] the end of it all, you see.
—[illegible] H. Lowater in America.

He Sought in Vain.

"[illegible]" began the stranger to [illegible] that woman to be my wife. I believed her congenial, light [illegible] beautiful. Has our married life been pleasant? No!"

"No? Why not?" asked Wentman.

"Why not? Because she declined to marry me, of course!"—American Grocer.

The Beginning.

Mamma—Did you have a nice time at the children's party?

Little [illegible]—No, mamma; it was awful.

Mamma—Why, what was the matter, dear?

Little [illegible]—Bobby Bunce didn't come.—New York Weekly.

Song of the American Girl.

[To the tune of "Oh! Give Me but a Little Rose."]

Oh! give me but a little duke,
A [illegible] or an earl,
A prince or baron, lord or knight,
[illegible] his hair don't curl.
A [illegible] a reprobate,
[illegible] to me—
What [illegible] isn't the man,
Let his nobility be.
—New York World

A Straight Accusation.

[illegible]—Plays are never conducted [illegible].

[illegible]—Why do you say so?

[illegible]—Because they are conducted by [illegible].

P. S.—This joke is expected to fall flat.—New York Herald.

Not So Easily Pleased as Romeo.

[illegible] he would he were
[illegible]
[illegible] of his love for her,
[illegible] understand.

[illegible] my thoughts aspire
[illegible] rather be
[illegible]
[illegible] her lips you see.
—Cape Cod Item

A Stuck Up Mistress.

"[illegible] call while I was out?"

"[illegible]"

"[illegible] I don't know any[illegible]"

"[illegible], mum; he called to see [illegible]"

A Little One for Practice.

[illegible] of the mind,
[illegible]
"[illegible]" said he,
[illegible] debonair

"[illegible] the maiden said,
[illegible] a crown
[illegible]
[illegible] your own."
—Boston Courier

A Coincidence.

"It's a most remarkable thing," said [illegible], "that I never set foot in that [illegible] there being a very disagreeable [illegible]." And Smithers wonders why [illegible] is troubled so much.—New York Press.

The Cards Are Out.

"[illegible] registered at last,
[illegible] in the city
[illegible] to cast
[illegible] of the school committee."

"[illegible] 'Tis no news to me:
[illegible] upon reflection
She [illegible], you see,
We [illegible] before election."
—Cape Cod Item.

The Dear Girls.

[illegible] like those sofas that [illegible] for two?

[illegible] I like those that have [illegible] for two far better.—[illegible]'s Weekly.

Monopoly.

"[illegible]" he warmly cried,
[illegible] you must
[illegible]
[illegible]
—Philadelphia Times.

Compulsory Courtesy.

"I [illegible] seat to a lady this morning."

"[illegible]?"

"[illegible] would thrash me if I [illegible]."

Nil Desperandum.

[illegible] your bright hopes mar;
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
—Cape Cod Item.

Turn About Is Fair Play.

"[illegible]"

"[illegible] of my be[illegible]"

"[illegible] to you."—New York [illegible]

The Real Article.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] he said:
"[illegible]"
—Philadelphia Times.

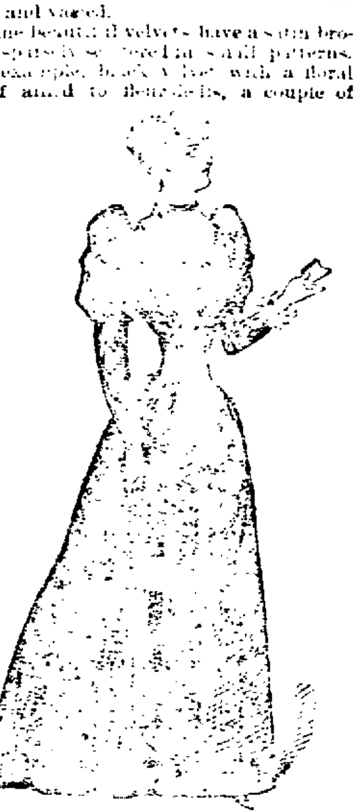
WHAT SHALL WE WEAR?

FASHIONS THAT ARE APPROVED AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Dress Fabrics Especially Adapted to Dinner and Reception Gowns—A Dinner Dress Which Combines Long Sleeves With a Low Cut Bodice.

The variety in [illegible] is endless, and these are [illegible] of dresses [illegible] show the [illegible]. Many also are used for [illegible] with plainer fabrics, and for the Louis XV coats which are [illegible] gauntlet cuffs, and [illegible] large and magnificent buttons. As a rule the grounds of the silk brocades, like the velvets, are satin. The colorings in the brocades are dark and varied.

Some beautiful velvets have a satin brocade [illegible] in small patterns. For example, black velvet with a floral motif and [illegible] fleurs de lis, a couple of inches [illegible] of a vivid yellow green, [illegible] of being worked in [illegible] the velvet pile [illegible] patterns will be [illegible] backs of [illegible] of the black satins covered [illegible] red brocade [illegible] varied as the [illegible] is on a star [illegible].



A [illegible]

In the cut is [illegible] dinner dress in [illegible] and bodice are of [illegible] and intermixed [illegible] velvet. The long sleeves [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] own way. [illegible] jackets with [illegible]. In the [illegible] the yoke [illegible] Astrakan [illegible] being [illegible] of this fur. They can't be [illegible] for they quite destroy the [illegible] of a woman's figure. Fashions are [illegible] to repeat themselves every [illegible] than that has [illegible] fashion. [illegible] was little worn. [illegible] costly and all [illegible] becoming. It's too flat, and [illegible] to the average [illegible] fur coats are [illegible] request as ever. Fur boas will be rivaled in favor by feather boas.

Short Capes for Walking.

The short [illegible] for walking also takes the form of [illegible] and is made in a new double faced woolen material extremely thick, the reverse side [illegible] a colored [illegible] for white when the outer side is dark blue. For more dressy [illegible] large pelerine or cape is [illegible]. The velvet or some dark shade—such as [illegible] de Sevres [illegible]. For the evening [illegible] elegant douillettes made [illegible] rich silks, such as [illegible]. These are princess [illegible] over in front or open [illegible], with fur trimming [illegible] and down the front. The same [illegible] is made in dark cloth for [illegible] wear and bordered with curled Astrakan.

Infant's Wardrobe.

Many of the [illegible] for infants are embroidered [illegible] at the edge [illegible] soft woolen [illegible] to reach to the [illegible] of the robes have [illegible] at the hem, with [illegible] above, and this [illegible] is the chief [illegible] which do not admit of much variety. Ribbon run

[illegible]

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

The Curative Effects of the Gold and Silver Salts on Consumption.

The attention which Koch's remedy for the bacillus of tuberculosis is now receiving gives additional interest to the following report of the experiences of a chemist, Herr Reuter, for which The Lancet is quoted as authority:

Koch, it will be remembered, told in effect the Berlin congress that, among the remedies capable of bringing the bacilli to a standstill, the salts of gold and silver are of the greatest value, and that among these the first place must be given to "cyan gold." Reuter, who was director of the great fabriques of metallic wares at home and abroad, paid particular attention to those in which the articles in question were galvanically gilded or silvered, observed that in the latter industry the employes who had consumptive or tubercular symptoms, some indeed who suffered from hemoptysis, found marked relief in their work, and continued to improve so rapidly that in a few weeks their return to health was assured.

The favorable impressions made on Reuter as to the curative effects of the gold and silver industry on phthisis he found confirmed by the testimony of employes of every age in these establishments, men, young and old, who had the well known symptoms of pulmonary consumption even at an advanced stage, rapidly getting well as they continued from week to week at work. Further investigations strengthened that impression still more, till he had satisfied himself that for the disease in question a healing virtue resides in the prussic acid generated particularly in those workshops where "cyan metals" dissolved in "cyan kalium" are used.

Grafting in the Animal Kingdom.

Dr. Ricketts, of Ohio, in a paper read before the New York Medical society, tells of some interesting results obtained in bone and skin grafting. He says: "The oculists have displayed unbounded energy and exalted skill, as shown by their success in transplanting the cornea of the cat, dog and rabbit to the eyes of human beings, and of mucous membrane to the conjunctiva for the correction of deformity as the result of troubles in infancy. It is now demonstrated that the muscles of lower animals may be successfully transplanted to the nerve stumps of man. Dr. Redart successfully grafted the skin of a chicken upon a child 2 years old. Dr. Barton succeeded in grafting the skin of a dead man 30 years old to that of a boy 14 years old. Dr. Walker was equally successful in transplanting the mucous membrane of frogs, rabbits and pigeons to mucous membrane areas in man previously occupied by cicatricial tissue, and was the first to show that mucous membranes of man's flesh, when they are transplanted to mucous membranes, but become skin if they are transplanted to the skin."

Where Smallpox Is Extinct.

As stated in a medical journal, not a single death from smallpox was registered in Ireland in 1890. From this scourge, at all events, "the distressful country" appears to be gradually freeing itself. During the last ten years the average annual number of deaths was a hundred and thirty, but this [illegible] is due to the more serious state of [illegible] prevailing in the early stages of the [illegible] [illegible] smallpox [illegible] Ireland, in 1886 two, in 1887 there was only one, in 1888 there were three, and, as above stated, in 1890 there was none.

One Way to Preserve the Complexion.

It is a fact which cannot be denied that our climate is trying to the skin, and unless good care is taken of it we cannot have the fair complexions of our English cousins. A simple plan of combating the tendency to dryness and roughness of the skin, which are attributed to the climate, is to steam the face over a basin of hot water, then bathe it with the following. To a quart of boiled water add a pint of Pond's extract and two ounces of glycerine. This can be bottled for use and applied to the face with a piece of soft linen. The results have been so satisfactory as to make this a favorite plan with many ladies.

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE.

The Stationery of Polite Society—Renewed Popularity of the Monogram.

The most elegant paper sold and used is a heavy cream white sheet folding once into a square envelope. This sheet may have a rough finish and the curiously mottled appearance of coarse wrapping paper, when it is known as Grecian antique. It may be smoothly finished, with no gloss and a very heavy and silky texture, when it is called "kid finished." It may have a peculiar rough effect, known as "parchment vellum." Quite the latest paper is a so called "etching paper," which has a rough surface with various irregular depressions. A new variety of paper has broad water lines stamped across the paper horizontally, and diagonally applied to the envelope. The same styles, too, are carried out in the thin lined papers for those who like a thin paper for the purpose of letter writing, says The Sun, which reminds its readers, however, that on all notes of invitation or regret and formal correspondence the heavier varieties are employed.

A new tint is a very delicate violet shade, which is sometimes used by [illegible] people. Another shade known as azure, which is [illegible] soft blue, is also somewhat popular, [illegible] and [illegible] are also sometimes seen, but [illegible] conservative woman of good taste [illegible] always a plain, cream tinted paper. At the top of the page, and in the center instead of the corner, is [illegible] stamped in colored letters, surmounted by her monogram or coat of arms. [illegible] [illegible]

Social Fads and Fashions.

[illegible]

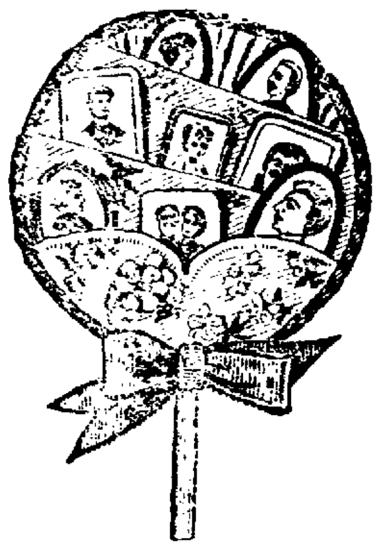
[illegible] with wax when [illegible]

YOUNG FOLKS' COLUMN.

DEVOTED TO THE ENTERTAINMENT OF GIRL AND BOY READERS.

A Wall Fan Photograph Holder Which Any Little Girl Old Enough to Read the Directions Here Given Can Make for a Holiday Gift.

The holidays are approaching—the season for gifts. Of these a large majority will be home made, as experience has shown that such presents are highly appreciated. Yet home made articles are not always satisfactory, because all girls have not the mechanical skill as well as the artistic ability to construct novelties equal to those sold in shops. But it is possible to buy the groundwork—that is, things in the rough—and vastly improve them. To assist in this laudable effort Golden Days gives the following illustrated description of a photograph holder:



A FAN PHOTOGRAPH HOLDER.

A large palm leaf screen or fan forms the foundation for this novel pocket for loose photographs of noted characters or prized views. There are three pockets, each of which is folded on a firm holland, with a hidden welt near the top, to support the upper photos. The pockets should be lined with holland. The fronts of the three pockets are embroidered in satin, the color suited to the wall on which the fan is to be hung. The lower pocket is cut in two broad scallops, the two others are straight at top, and all are bound over the edge, which keeps in shape better for having a fine wire sewed on under a binding of plush, or simply sewed to the lining and a chenille cord fastened on the seam. The palm leaf itself is seen at top. In order to strengthen and preserve the foundation it would be wise to line the back with a thin cardboard covered with satin or any cheaper material. This can be slightly sewed round the edge of the fan.

A Story of Dick the Starling.

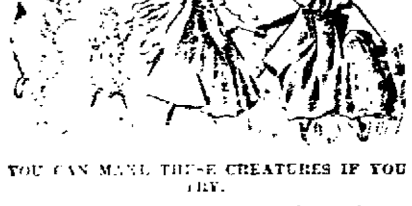
Dick the Starling was the friend of the cook and the cat. Both were equally sympathetic, and pitied the little unfledged creature who was [illegible] by some accident left [illegible] youth. Cook used [illegible] in the [illegible] her clamorous pet, and [illegible] down with her at breakfast time and consign him to pussy's care, [illegible] receiving him with a gentle purr of delight, would let him nestle into her soft fur for warmth.

Dick's education was carried on with such success that he could soon speak a few words very clearly. Strangers used to be rather startled by a weird looking bird flying in from the garden and saying, "Pretty dear, puss, puss, miaow." But it was still more strange to see Dick sitting on the cat's back and addressing his endearments to her in the above words. Dick's love of water led him to bathe in most inconvenient places. One morning I found him taking headers into a glass filter and scattering the contents on the sideboard. After dinner, too, he would dive into the finger glasses with the same intention.

After living for a few happy years, Dick's bathing propensities led to his untimely death. One cold winter day he was missed, and was searched for everywhere, and after some hours his poor little body was found stiff and cold in a water tank in the stable yard, where the ice had been broken. He had as usual plunged in for a bath, and we can only suppose the intense cold had caused an attack of cramp, so that he could not get out again, and thus was drowned.

Queer Creatures.

Have you never seen a monkey made of sponge and of paint?
Or a [illegible] of a shadow on the wall?
Or a maiden of a daisy? or a little grannie quaint
Of an apple that has withered since the fall?



YOU CAN MAKE THESE CREATURES IF YOU TRY.

Have you never seen a peanut change into a [illegible]
Or a [illegible] little mouse so sly?
Have you never seen a baby that was once a [illegible]
You can make these queer creatures if you try.
—Wide Awake

Drawing Room Blizzard.

This is [illegible] game and is played [illegible] players are required, four of [illegible] end of the room and four [illegible] tapes are stretched [illegible] "goals," and a large [illegible] article if a paper [illegible] placed in the mid [illegible]. Each player must be provided with a pair of bellows. These [illegible] few paces, and the [illegible] it is the aim [illegible] blow the paper [illegible] tape. This being [illegible] is scored to the [illegible] number of goals to [illegible] decided, [illegible] by the efforts to [illegible]

A [illegible] Little Boy.

[illegible] in [illegible] I'd [illegible] I needn't [illegible]

THE CURIOSITY SHOP.

Some of the Famous Tombstones in Kensal Green.

Men of letters, dramatists, artists, actors and singers of a bygone day, whose names are household words throughout the world, are buried at Kensal Green. Thackeray, John Leech, Tom Hood, Anthony Trollope, Harrison Ainsworth, Cruikshank, Charles Mathews and Mme. Vestris, Julius Benedict, Capt. Mayne Reid, Macready, Braham and Mulready are among these. The tombs of the literary man prove to be in most cases humble affairs—conventional specimens of the monumental mason's art, solid and respectable, but not elaborate. Often hidden in an obscure corner or side avenue they do not force themselves on the beholder. Thackeray is buried in the south avenue, next but one to his friend John Leech; between them is the "family grave of Charles Cheel." The inscription on Thackeray's grave tells that he was born in 1811 and died in 1863. A brand new tombstone with iron railings around has been erected over the grave of Wilkie Collins. The inscription is:

In Memory of
WILKIE COLLINS,
Author of "The Woman in White" and other works of fiction
Born 8 January, 1824, died 23 September, 1889

Within a radius of forty yards a little beyond the chapel are the tombs of Wilkie Collins, Harrison Ainsworth, Anthony Trollope and Capt. Mayne Reid. William Harrison Ainsworth lies in his family vault. Two fantastic yew trees barely thrive over the grave, in front of the granite headstone surmounted by a quaint urn. One withered wreath adorns the tomb of Anthony Trollope, which is of brown polished granite of a type and form very common among "the professions."

More emblematic and less commonplace is the grave of Capt. Mayne Reid. Carved rocks, held together by an anchor with stout rope attached, together with a carved sword lying above a tablet, constitute the headstone, while the remainder is overgrown with ivy. Thus reads the tablet:

In Loving Memory of
MAYNE REID Author.
Born April 4, 1818; died Oct. 22, 1883
Gone to his dreamless sleep

Ambitious by contrast is the monument of Tom Hood. A bronze bust on two volumes, supported by two wreaths, with bronze figures in relief on two sides of the granite column, combine to form this handsome monument, erected by public subscription nine years after his death.

Close together, head to head, on the right hand side of the main avenue, are the graves of Charles Mathews and Mme. Vestris. That of Mme. Vestris is richly overgrown with ivy, with a marble headstone, on which is carved:

LUCIA ELIZABETH VESTRIS,
Wife of Charles J. Mathews, and granddaughter of the celebrated engraver Bartolozzi
Born May 2, 1797; died August 8, 1856

Six porcelain wreaths adorn the grave of Charles Mathews, which is of the type before alluded to as prevalent. The inscription does not testify to the reputation or career of the great comedian. The plain inscription runs thus:

CHARLES JAMES MATHEWS.
Born Dec. 26, 1803 Died June 24, 1878 Aged 74.

Lunch or Luncheon.

Etymologists object to the word "lunch" when it is used to designate any meal served after 12 noon. Whether "lunch" or "luncheon" is correct matters little, comments The Boston Herald, if those partaking of it will recollect the word signifies a "lump of food"—only that and nothing more. A luncheon, according to Dryden, is a lunch of bread cut from the loaf. Now, when it is said by slipshod writers that "a nice little lunch was served during the evening" that is not what is meant at all. The lunch of bread, the stop gap taken at noontime, is a very different affair from the "supper"—a meal whatever its proportions, which follows dinner as surely as night follows day. If that appetizing repast, consisting of crackers and cheese, or the toothsome Welsh rarebit, or any other indigestible dainty that tops off an evening, is called "lunch" it is a grievous error in the ears of etymologists.

The Christmas Holly.

With December comes the holly, with its shining green foliage and brilliant red berries. Christmas, crowned with holly is made the gladdest season of the year. Southey calls the holly a token of friendship. He says:

I in this wisdom of the holly tree
Can emblems see

Eliza Cook carols of the Christmas holly:

The holly! the holly! oh, twine it with the bay—
Come, give the holly a song;
For it helps to drive stern winter away,
With his garments so somber and long
It peeps through the trees with its berries of red,
And its leaves of burnished green,
When the flowers and fruits have long been dead,
And not even the daisy is seen
Then sing to the holly, the Christmas holly
That hangs over peasant and king;
While we laugh and carouse 'neath its glittering boughs,
To the Christmas holly we'll sing.

The Famous Water Clock.

The famous clepsydra, or water clock, at Canton, China, that has been keeping time for 500 years without loss or irregularity, is an affecting monument as viewed by a reverent or sentimental tourist. To the cold eye of reason it is only a clumsy arrangement of four stone jars, placed one above another, and arranged with troughs, from which the water runs drop by drop from one pot to another. In the lowest and smallest jar a wooden float supports a brass rod that is lined and marked with Chinese characters, and as the brass rod rises through the cover of the jar the course of the hours is seen. In this temple of the water clock, perched high on the city wall, the priest sells time candles that record the passage of the hours as they burn.—Jewelers' Weekly.

An Anecdote of Joachim, the Violinist.

Joachim, the violinist, was playing at Manchester. The concert was over. Herr Joachim was pacing up and down the station platform and smoking his cigar with the agreeable consciousness that he had never played better in his life, when an ordinary workman approached and repeatedly walked past the great musician, surveying him closely each time. At length he stepped up to him and asked him for a light. While puffing away at his pipe he stared once more into Joachim's face, then he tapped him on the shoulder and exclaimed, "After all, Paganini was the man!" That was all he said, but it was enough. Herr Joachim says he never felt so little in his life.

How a Genius Looks.

Edison looks when at work like a boy apprentice. His manner and speech are very boyish. But the fire of genius shines in his keen [illegible] eyes, and [illegible] nostrils and [illegible] forehead [illegible] strong mental activity. Though [illegible] years old, the occasional gleam of a saucy [illegible] tells the story of his application.

MR. AND MRS. BOWSER.

BY MRS. BOWSER.

Some groceries which I had ordered the other afternoon failed to come up on time, and at supper we had bread in place of biscuits.

"Cook run away?" queried Mr. Bowser, as he noticed the change.

"The baking powder didn't come up," I replied.

"Did you order it?"

"Yes, at 2 o'clock."

"A woman can perhaps buy gimeracks to better advantage than a man, but when it comes down to solids she can't be trusted."

"Very well; you buy the groceries for the next week. The cook will tell you what is wanted."

"I'll do it, and I'll show you that we will live a great deal better, and yet save $4 or $5 a week. They can't play any roots on me, Mrs. Bowser."

Next morning before going away he went out to the cook and said:

"I'll send up the meat for dinner. That's all, I suppose."

"We want a few things besides, sir. Put down salt, soap, pepper, tea, cinnamon, starch, sage, potatoes, vinegar"——

"What! Haven't we got a blessed thing in the house?"

"Lots o' things, sir, but there's something wanting every day. You can add a washboard, a lamp chimney, some sapolio, a box of matches and"——

"That will do!" interrupted Mr. Bowser. "I can see that there has been the grossest mismanagement in this house. It's a wonder that we are not on the way to the poor house."

Some meat came up and was prepared for dinner. When Mr. Bowser came home he inquired:

"What have you been paying for roast beef?"

"About thirteen cents."

"Ha! I suspected it from the way the butcher acted. He has been swindling you at the rate of six cents per pound."

"No!"

"Fact. I sent up a piece at six cents which beats any you have had for a month."

When we got seated at the table he looked about and remarked that the cook had forgotten to put on the potatoes.

"You didn't send up any," I replied.

"What?"

"Nothing came but the meat."

"By the great two humped camel, but"——

He suddenly felt in his vest pocket, and there was the list of groceries! With that he took up the carving knife and fork and began to carve the meat. It didn't carve. He bored down and sawed away, and finally laid the knife down and said:

"Mrs. Bowser, is this a piece of rhinoceros or beef?"

"It's a neck piece of beef, Mr. Bowser. When I buy that for mince pies I boil the meat about two days. You sent it for a roast, and the cook has roasted it."

He turned very white and kicked the cat from under the table, and our dinner was a slim and unpleasant one. After getting on his hat and overcoat he went out to see the cook, and as he appeared in the kitchen door she said:

"There's no butter for supper, and I want you to send up some tomatoes for soup, two iron spoons, a package of stove polish, some [illegible], allspice, oyster crackers and [illegible]"

"Do you pretend to say we want all those [illegible]" he demanded.

In the afternoon the things came up—all but the tea and butter. At supper time the cook made coffee. Mr. Bowser noticed it as we sat down, and sniffing the aroma he remarked:

"Doesn't your girl know the difference between breakfast and supper? And where on earth is the butter?"

"You didn't send up either tea or butter."

"What! Mrs. Bowser, do you imagine I've gone crazy?"

"Well, they didn't come up."

"They didn't, eh? Let me get to that telephone, and I'll give that grocery store something to think of for the next hundred years!"

I don't know what the grocer said to him, but Mr. Bowser danced up and down, and sent him to Jericho, Jersey City and lots of other places, and wound up by saying that he'd go to the Cape of Good Hope before he'd ever buy another thing there. That night I found the list of articles in his pocket. He had checked off as he ordered and had left the tea and butter out. Next morning before he went down town he said to the cook:

"I'll send up a chicken to be baked and stuffed."

At 11 o'clock, no chicken having appeared, she ordered some bacon for dinner. Mr. Bowser didn't know it until he sat down. Then he took one look at the bacon, and rose and walked out into the kitchen and asked:

"Is this my house or yours?"

"What of it?" answered the cook.

"Didn't I say I'd send up chicken?"

"You did."

"And it was to be stuffed?"

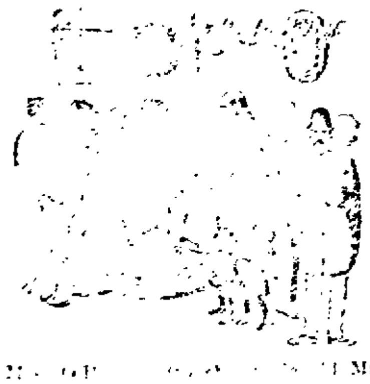
"It didn't come."

"It didn't. Let me get to that telephone! No! I'll go down and wipe the face of the earth with that butcher's carcass!"

I tried to hold him, but he broke away and went off. He came back in about an hour, with his coat torn up the back, his nose skinned, a lump on his forehead and one eye closed up. I didn't question him, but I learned from others that the butcher got the better of him. He hadn't ordered any chicken. He meant to, but he never even got off the car. That evening, after I had bathed his head, put a piece of raw beef on his eye and had greased his nose for the fifth time, he [illegible]

"I am [illegible] I could run this house just forty times better than any woman on earth and [illegible] where you save dimes, but I've got too much on my hands [illegible] to go ahead with your [illegible] and disastrous career."—Detroit Free Press.

Well Meant.



[illegible] Mr. [illegible] I'd [illegible] of [illegible] year.—Life.

Stopping a Liar.

There were half a dozen of us waiting in Buffalo for a midnight train to go, and by and by one of the crowd started off with:

"It was just such a night as this, and just at about this hour, when I went through the bridge at Fort Dayton, Ia., and I was the only one in the car to escape alive. All the others were drowned."

"The car went into the water, eh?" asked a man wearing a soiled linen duster.

"Yes, sir."

"Car went into the water! It was at Fort Dayton, Ia. What river, please?"

"The Mo-Moline," choked the drummer, and it was plain to see that he had only made a stab at it.

"Moline river, eh! When was this?"

"In 1883."

"What month?"

"August."

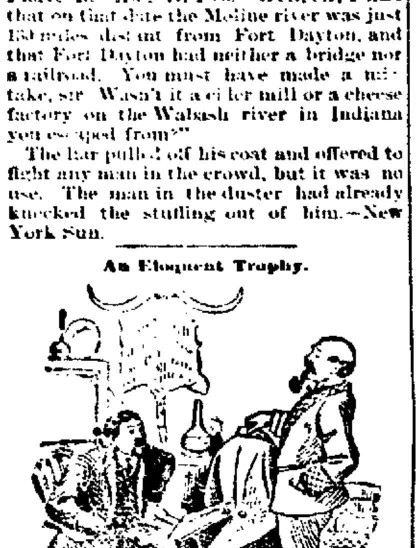
"What date?"

"The 17th."

"Thank you. Let us see. Here is my notebook. Let me turn to the date. Ah, I have it. Aug. 17, 1883. Well, sir, I find that on that date the Moline river was just 150 miles distant from Fort Dayton, and that Fort Dayton had neither a bridge nor a railroad. You must have made a mistake, sir. Wasn't it a cider mill or a cheese factory on the Wabash river in Indiana you escaped from?"

The liar pulled off his coat and offered to fight any man in the crowd, but it was no use. The man in the duster had already knocked the stuffing out of him.—New York Sun.

An Eloquent Trophy.



"That's a coat I wore during my tiger hunting trip to Beypore."

"Isn't it cut rather queerly?"

"Well, you see, the tails sort of grew that way when I saw my first quarry."—Life.

Why He Failed.

"Talking of snow," said the man with the tan colored goatee, "you ought to see it snow in the Winnipeg country. We don't know what snow is down here."

"Lots of it up there, eh?" asked the man with the eyeglasses.

"Lots doesn't express it. Why, gentlemen, two winters ago snow fell where I was to the depth of nine feet before Christmas, and on the 17th of January it was fourteen feet deep around my factory."

"So you had a factory?"

"Yes, sir."

"What sort?"

"A snow shovel factory."

"Gosh! You located in the right place to strike it rich? How many thousands did you sell?"

"Never sold even one single shovel, sir."

"You didn't? What was the matter?"

"Why, the people up there have nothing to do but wait for snow to go off, and that happened to be an early season, and a thaw came on about the middle of May! Yes, sir, I lost six months' time and $2,000 up there."—New York Sun.

An Important Omission.

"Look here, young man," said the lately resigned conductor to the railroad editor, "I've always treated you white, haven't I?"

"You have."

"And when I resigned the other day didn't I tell you I'd worked for the company twenty years?"

"I believe so."

"And yet this is the kind of a send off you give me." And he laid the last issue of the paper on the table and pointed to the notice of his retirement, which stated that he "had worked the company for twenty years."—St. Joseph News.

At Dinner.

Mr. Dudderson—My dear, I think I hear the baby crying. You'd better send Mary up to him.

Mrs. D.—Mary can't go. She's helping John in the pantry.

Mr. D.—Then send Annie.

Mrs. D.—Annie is down in the kitchen assisting the cook.

Mr. Flipperton (guest)—Let me go.

Mrs. D.—Thank you, Mr. Flipperton, but it is not necessary. John, ring for a messenger boy.—Harper's Bazar.

Eleven P. M.

Cholly Thynkeslyte—I say, Miss Maud, when is a man not a man?

Miss Maud (suggestively)—When he is stationery, I suppose.

Cholly—Just wrong; when he is a-moving.

Miss Maud (sweetly)—Let's pretend my answer was right.—Puck.

Either One Sure Death.

New Girl—Please, mum, the fire's out, and the cook wants to know where's the kerosene.

Mistress—We don't keep kerosene, but if you are in a hurry you will find a small keg of powder in my husband's room.—Life.

Indication of Relationship.

"I think I must be a relative of yours, Mr. Drum."

"Perhaps; but you have the advantage of me, sir."

"My name is Fife."—West Shore.

Man and Wife Are One.

Fangle—What did you buy for a Christmas present for your wife, Cumso?

Cumso—A box of fine cigars.

"She doesn't smoke, does she?"

"No, but I do."—Epoch.

Feats of Strength.

Jawkins—Have you seen the man who always [illegible] broken [illegible] head?

H[illegible]—No, but I saw a [illegible] yesterday who [illegible] a street car with one finger.—Texas Siftings.

Gave Him the Lie.

W[illegible]—There's a man I hate. He gave me the [illegible]

W[illegible]—[illegible] you a liar?

"No, [illegible] me down flat as a pancake."—St. Joseph News.

Pricking the Bubble.

"How [illegible]" [illegible] Grass, grin a [illegible]

"He [illegible] usually bright reporter."—Puck.

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MARION, O., Dec. 25, '90.

Dear Santa Claus:---Owing to the rush for the holiday presents which you sent me I am unable to reply to your letter in full. Following your instructions I am selling at the lowest prices all the goods you sent me---

Suits. Overcoats. Hats, Caps. Fur Caps. Silk Handkerchiefs. Linen Handkerchiefs. Cambric Handkerchiefs. Cotton Handkerchiefs. Linen Collars. Celluloid Collars. Paper Collars. Overalls. Boys' Waists. Boys' Shirts. Boys' Gloves. Ties. Bows. Puffs. Plain Suspenders. Fancy Suspenders. Silk [illegible]. Fine Hosiery. Plain White Shirts. Fancy White Shirts. Silk Mufflers. Cass Mufflers. Cotton Mufflers. Linen Cuffs. Celluloid Cuffs. Paper Cuffs. Jumpers. Kid Gloves. Cloth Gloves. Cass Gloves. Leather Gloves. Kid Mitts. Cloth Mitts. Leather Mitts. Cotton Underwear. Woolen Underwear. Collar Buttons. Cuff Buttons. Shirt Studs. Knit Jackets.

All of which are disappearing rapidly. Thanking you for your favor and hoping to return same, I remain,

Yours Respectfully,

SAM OPPENHEIMER,

Strictly One-Price Clothier, Bennett Building.

A GRAND OPENING

Of all kinds of Holiday Goods at D. Yake's Dry Goods Store.

Ladies' and gents' handkerchiefs from the very cheapest to the very best at **prices that will surprise you.** A handsome line of black, white and cold silk mufflers, silk head rests, silk and madras throws, handsome white aprons, a pure black silk handkerchief for ladies and gents, fine table linen sets, napkins to match. As fine a line of towls as you ever looked at. In fact you will find anything you wish to make a handsome Xmas present. Ladies call and see these goods before the assortment is broken.

D. YAKE.

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AT LOW PRICES

—AT—

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OFFICE, NORTH OF JAIL.

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Our Baby

Our Baby's garment is full of pins—
Every little girl is entitled to a free guess,
To find out how many pins that are in
The little children's friend's long dress

The fortunate little girl that guesses the number
Of pins that are placed in Our Baby's robe
When awakened from a New Year's eve slumber
Will be the happiest little maiden on the face
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Free Guess to Every Little Girl.

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Complete Stock.
Lowest Prices, at
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—Turney's time.

—Fur muffs 50c at Seffners'.

—Cunningham, the plumber.

—Go to Clement's for elegant French fruits. 2812

—For pure drugs and medicines go to Foye's.

—Oysters on half shell at Busy Bee Dining Hall. 2713

—For holiday goods in the dry goods line go to Seffners'. 2812

—Buy your candies at Clement's and get the best that is made.

—Fancy eating and cooking apples.
2845 J. W. THEW.

—Dresser, sideboard and wash stand scarfs, in exquisite patterns at Seffners'.

—Take a look at the holiday goods at W. A. Sellers & Co.'s since the cut in prices.

—Call at L. E. Rupp's for your fresh candies, nuts of all kinds, fruits and cigars. Oysters, can or bulk. 2812

—We have a large line of Plush albums, toilet cases, etc., that we will sell regardless of cost until Jan 1st.
2711 W. A. SELLERS & CO.

—If you will try a can of the W. Ellis oysters you will use no other. The quality and price guaranteed.
2201wfmtaw L. E. [illegible]

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5 AND 10 CENT RIBBONS!

We are selling the largest and best lot of Ribbons ever offered in Marion for anything like the price---5 and 10 Cents.

HAVE YOU GUESSED?

The $100 in gold is an attractive feature to Holiday Buyers. You may become of the lucky ones. A guess with every 25-cent purchase.

FRASH.

GET THE BEST

Hard or Soft

COAL

Linsley & Lawrence

West Street, Between Railroads.

—Fancy boxes and baskets filled at Clement's.

—Fresh home-made candy, cheap, at Coffy & Stone's. 2844

—Go to the Busy Bee Dining Hall for your Xmas dinner. 2713

—Big bargains can be had in plush and cloth wraps at Seffners'.

—See those elegant table sets, with napkins to match, at Seffners'.

—Have you tried our bread?
2845 J. W. THEW.

—Nice sweet potatoes.
2845 COFFY & STONE.

—Fine home made candy.
2461. J. W. THEW.

—Remember Foye is getting in a new lot of fine plush cases, and at bottom prices.

—Sturgeon, Lake Huron and the celebrated Blue Ribbon and Milwaukee beer at Crouse's. 2761eod

—See our handsome two-faced velvet, beaver and Persian shawls. Prices very low. SEFFNER BROS.

—New nuts, raisins, figs, dates, Malaga grapes and Florida oranges at Coffy & Stone's. 2843

—Just received, another lot of gents' and ladies' fine black silk handkerchiefs, hemstitched. SEFFNER BROS.

—The Opera Orchestra will give two gold medals Christmas eve for the most comical masks worn by lady and gentleman 2812

—A. Berolt's east Center street shoe house is the place to get bargains in all kinds of fine slippers, rubber goods, and boots and shoes. 2814

—"Horseapepper," a great dish, will be on the free lunch counter at Charley Crouse's for Christmas dinner, from 9 a. m. until 1 o'clock p. m. 2743

—Holiday goods must be sold. We will offer our full line of holiday goods at reduced prices.
W. A. SELLERS & CO.

—Ladies' embroidered and hemstitched handkerchiefs in silk, linen and fine cambric. Prices low.
SEFFNER BROS.

—Hand painted china on exhibition and for sale, at Jennie Thomas' millinery store. Orders solicited.
WILHELMINA THOMPSON.

—A free lunch will be served from 9 to 12 a. m., Christmas, at Fies & Ballentine's sample room. Fried oysters and a veal roast will be the features. 2812

—For fine elderberry wine, three years old, or port, eight years old, for family use during sickness, call at Crouse's [illegible] Main street place. Also cherry and blackberry wines. 2761

—New citron 25c per pound, new orange and lemon peel 15c per pound. [illegible] currants 7c per pound. [illegible] boxes [illegible] for 25c at
[illegible] COFFY & STONE'S.

To Close Out.

[illegible] and Spanish yarns at [illegible]

[illegible]

Will Close Christmas.

[illegible]

[illegible] & WEBB

Remnants

Immediately after Christmas we shall inaugurate the greatest Remnant Sale ever attempted in Marion. You will find Remnants and Short Lengths on every side, many of them containing enough for a dress. Silks, Black Goods, Dress Goods of every kind, Ginghams, Shiatings, Muslins, Etc., at ridiculous prices, to close them out before invoicing.

WARNER & EDWARDS

THE DISPATCHERS TROUBLE.

More Particulars Regarding the Trouble of the C. and E. Train Dispatchers.

[Huntington Democrat, 23d.]

Mention was made several days ago of the discharge of Train Dispatcher C. C. Scott, by the C. and E. officials. The train dispatchers threatened to strike unless he was reinstated so the penalty was reduced to a thirty days suspension. This, however, did not satisfy the men, and they demanded that he be put to work at once, stating in their message that they would wait till four o'clock today for an answer.

About three o'clock a message was received from General Superintendent A. M. Tucker, who is in Chicago, stating that he would be here on train 14, which arrives about nine o'clock this evening and that he thought he could make a satisfactory settlement of the trouble.

Messages were also received from A. P. Penfield, representative of the B. of L. E., and J. M. Hubbard, of the O. R. C. advising that they wait for a conference with Mr. Tucker. Both of these orders are backing the dispatchers in the affair and the men decided to take their advice. So no action will be taken until Mr. Tucker arrives.

The officials claim that Mr Scott disobeyed the rules of the road while the men say no offense was committed. Both sides have shown great determination but it is hoped there will be no serious trouble. Unless the matter is settled satisfactorily, though, the men are determined upon a strike that will be a corker.

[Since the above was written Scott has been re-instated and the matter satisfactorily settled.]

Confirmed.

The favorable impression produced on the first appearance of the agreeable liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs a few years ago has been more than confirmed by the pleasant experience of all who have used it, and the success of the proprietors and manufacturers the California Fig Syrup Company.

—The Free Baptist church election occurs next Monday, Dec. 29. Let all members be present.

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represented to be
"just as good as the Ivory."
They are not,
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all counterfeits,
they lack
the peculiar
and remarkable
qualities of
the genuine.
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Desire Christmas buyers who intend to spend a dollar in the Dry Goods Line to first call at their Dry Goods House and get a standard for bargains. Theirs are the low prices by which all others must be compared.

Speci'l Bargains

We are offering some especially attractive goods and prices in dress goods.

69 CENTS—Our black Armure silks go on the counter at the striking low figure of 69 cents.

87 CENTS—Black Faille Francaise is offered at 87 cents, a price that can't be undersold.

75 CENTS—All Colored Faille Francaise are offered at exactly 75 cents—a price that buyers know is low.

25 CENTS—Here is the starter! All our plaids and stripes in woolen dress goods are reduced from 45 cents to 25 cents.

We have a splendid line of trimmings and black velvets at the original low prices, despite the advance.

Handkerchiefs!

We have a splendid line of embroidered silk handkerchiefs at

35 CENTS,

and a large and varied assortment of better goods.

In linen handkerchiefs we have everything—nothing you can think of that we don't show, and we sell them cheap.

Fine line of stamped linens and the prices are away down.

Price our lunch sets and see our fancy towels.

LADIES' PURSES,

We have an elegant line of ladies' purses and shopping bags, all the latest novelties.

Fine umbrellas, with 4 steel sticks and tight rolling. Prices lower than anybody.

Our $5 Cloth Jackets Are Best in the Market.

Mind, they are new, this season's styles, and no one need buy back numbers to get low prices, for we are selling cheaper than any house in the city.

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Sacrificed in order to sell them. They must go while seasonable. Look at them and get prices. They are all puffed shoulders---correct in style.

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